



HARC Herald

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So Much Happening at HARC – Come Be a Part of It

HARC Wants Your Take

HARC AI Survey for Researchers and Evaluators

HARC invites researchers and evaluators to take a short survey on artificial intelligence (AI) use in home visiting research. Survey findings will give a quick snapshot of the current environment and the extent to which AI has become part of home visiting research and inform how best to support the field's use of AI.

There is an opportunity to enter a raffle when you finish. Please share the survey link with colleagues in home visiting research and evaluation.

[Take Survey](#)

Webinar Series: Knowledge You Can Use



SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY!

Creating Connections for Communicating Science

Facilitated by the:
Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science
June 26, 2026 from 2pm - 4pm ET (virtual)

This virtual two-hour workshop offers researchers, evaluators, and home visiting leaders an opportunity to experiment with methods for communicating research findings through building trust and engaging others.

In this session, attendees will:

- Identify strategies to make messages memorable
- Recognize jargon and understand when to use it
- Use a 3-step process to develop a message

Creating Connections will help you inspire wonder, cultivate meaningful human connection through effective communication, and support engaged decision-making among partners.



[Register Here](#)

Recording Now Available for HARC's Partnership-Engaged Research to Advance Home Visiting: Iowa's Integrated Data System Approach

In this [webinar](#), Heather Rouse summarized the history and developmental milestones in the creation of Iowa's Integrated Data System for Decision-Making (I2D2). I2D2 was a collaboration among health, human services, education, and workforce agencies and university partners that used administrative data for population-wide needs assessments, strategic planning, and ongoing program evaluation. Dr. Rouse shared foundational experiences in developing the state-university partnership, key elements of I2D2's governance and technology systems, and uses of the system to advance home visiting programming statewide.

Visit our [webinar page](#) to learn about upcoming sessions and access recorded webinars.

HARC's Home Visiting Journal Club

We hope you'll join our next journal club on **May 18 at 3pm**. We will discuss the [article](#), *What predicts improvements from home visits: Implementation fidelity or family enjoyment*. You can register for the session [here](#). The article and discussion questions will be sent to you upon registration. Everyone is welcome - no prior research experience needed.

Hot of the Press! Recent Work by HARC and its Members!

Balancing In-Person and Virtual Home Visits: A Descriptive Analysis of Family-Level Outcomes

Recently, HARC member Theresa Cruz and colleagues published a **study** examining the relationship between family-level home visiting outcomes and the percentage of home visits a family completes in person.



Examining the Effectiveness of Mothers and Babies Online Delivered in Home Visiting: A Pilot Randomized Controlled Trial

HARC members Darius Tandon, Blaire Pingeton, and colleagues released a **preprint** of a pilot randomized controlled trial testing an online version of Mothers and Babies (eMB), a postpartum depression preventive intervention.

The Impact of Nurse Home-Visiting for Pregnant and Parenting Individuals with Previous Live Births

This month, HARC members Venice Williams, Carol Franco-Rowe, Mandy Allison, and colleagues published a quasi-experimental **study** evaluating the impact of Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) on pregnancy, birth, and health care use outcomes among multiparous families compared to propensity score-matched families who did not receive NFP.

New Resources



New Resources for Home Visiting Leaders: Strategies to Strengthen Case Management for intimate partner violence (IPV),

mental health, substance misuse, child development, and child welfare

This month the **Jackie Walorski Center for Evidence-Based Case Management** rolled out five new topical briefs designed to help home visiting leaders strengthen case management. Drawing on practitioner insights and published research from home visiting and related fields, the briefs cover five focused areas: **IPV, mental health, substance misuse, child development,** and **partnerships and coordination between home visiting and child welfare**

Facilitating Home Visiting Research Advisory Groups

Alongside their five topical briefs, the **Jackie Walorski Center for Evidence-Based Case Management** published a **brief** packed with practical strategies for researchers, evaluators, and tribal, state, and territory home visiting programs planning to engage home visitors and families as research project advisors.

National Strategy for the Home Visiting Workforce

The **Institute for Home Visiting Workforce Development** shared the new National **Strategy** for the Home Visiting Workforce, which lays out a long-term plan to expand the field's success, reach, and impact. Centered on three pillars—career pathways, workforce strengthening, and well-being—it includes 15 actions to build a sustainable, skilled, and supported workforce that promotes healthy families and thriving communities nationwide.

Monthly Peer-Reviewed Literature Updates

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Each month, HARC shares recently published peer-reviewed home visiting research articles. Articles are identified via a Google Scholar alert, thus the list may not include all published articles. View the citations and links to open access articles **here**.

Upcoming Conferences



Save the Date

HARC's 10th Annual Collaborative Science of Home Visiting Meeting

September 28, 2026
Baltimore, MD

This meeting will take place the afternoon prior to the 2026 National Home Visiting Summit.



Conference on Intervention Optimization: Science and Practice, Present and Future (May 18-20, 2026, Bethesda, MD)

Registration is open for the **2026 Conference on Intervention Optimization** in Bethesda, MD. The inaugural conference will convene scholars across health, education, behavioral science, and engineering to establish intervention optimization as a multidisciplinary field and spark collaboration. The program will feature plenary sessions on new experimental designs, implementation science, computer science applications, and decision-making, alongside poster sessions and networking opportunities.

Research and Evaluation Conference on Self-Sufficiency (RECS) (May 20-22, 2026, Washington, D.C. and virtual)

Registration is now open for the **2026 Research and Evaluation Conference on Self-Sufficiency**. Join researchers, policymakers, and practitioners to explore the latest findings on programs and policies that support family economic self-sufficiency. Topics include employment, financial literacy, housing, health, education, and more. Select sessions will also be available virtually.

Society for Prevention Research Annual Conference (May 26-29, 2026, Washington, D.C. and virtual)

Mark your calendar for the **2026 Society for Prevention Research conference**. Join leading prevention scientists, policymakers, and practitioners to explore cutting-edge research, innovative methodologies, and strategies for implementing evidence-based prevention interventions across public health sectors.



Administration for Children and Families' (ACF) National Research Conference on Early Childhood (NRCEC) 2026 (June 22-24, 2026, Arlington, VA)

Registration is now open for **NRCEC 2026**. This conference will showcase the latest research on early childhood programs that support young children and their families.

American Psychological Association Convention (August 6-8, 2026, Washington, D.C. and virtual)

Save the date for the **2026 American Psychological Association Convention**. This event unites psychologists who are shaping the future of research and offers a chance to network, collaborate, and advance together in the field.

National Home Visiting Summit (September 29-30, 2026, Baltimore, MD)

Registration is open for the **2026 National Home Visiting Summit**. The Summit is designed to provide a multi-pronged, holistic approach to systems change by incorporating policy, practice and research and connecting home visiting to other components of the early childhood system.

Parents as Teachers International Conference (Oct 5-8, 2026, Portland, OR)

Registration is open for the **2026 Parents as Teachers International Conference**. Get connected and be inspired in the home visiting field through workshops, keynotes, and networking.

Healthy Families America Conference (October 27-29, 2026, virtual)

Registration is open for the **2026 Healthy Families America Conference**. Connect with peers and spark new ideas through workshops, keynotes, and networking in the home visiting field.

Zero to Three Learn Conference (Oct 27-29, 2026, Portland, OR)

Registration is now open for the **2026 ZERO TO THREE LEARN Conference**. The goal of this conference is to transform early childhood concepts into action, theories into skills, and shared passion into positive energy that propels the field forward. This conference is a great way to learn from experts in the field, build networks, and connect with friends.

American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting and Expo (November 1-4, 2026, San Antonio, TX)

Hold the date for [APHA's Annual Meeting and Expo](#). This conference convenes thousands of public health professionals and partners across all disciplines from around the world. Connect with peers and leaders through educational sessions, networking events, and exhibits—and build lasting professional relationships.

For more information on upcoming conferences, please visit HARC's [Upcoming Conferences page!](#)

Join HARC!

Join HARC's Practice-Based Research Network (PBRN)

Why Join?



Share Your Voice

HARC brings together home visiting staff, network leaders, model representatives, families and researchers to identify and answer important research questions. This research can help strengthen the benefits of home visiting for all families.



Make an Impact

Home visiting research needs your voice in order to support innovative practice. Join HARC to create research that can improve home visiting practice and policy!



Get Connected

Connect with peers, learn about new research studies, join a special interest group, and stay informed about home visiting with the HARC monthly newsletter!

OUR MISSION

The Home Visiting Applied Research Collaborative is a national research and development platform for innovation to broaden and strengthen home visiting's benefits for all families and communities.

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Join the Network Today

PS: It's FREE!



Missed a newsletter? No worries - they're now available on the HARC website along with our monthly literature updates!


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Do you have research-related announcements or examples of precision research you'd like to share with the HARC network? If so, we'd love to hear from you! [Guidelines for newsletter submissions can be found on our website](#). If you have any questions, please feel free to send to Diana (dchute1@jhu.edu).

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