



HARC Herald

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Join Us in Baltimore this September!

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.

The HARC logo is located in the bottom right corner of the announcement box.

Registration will open in mid-June!

Mental Health Awareness Month

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, a timely reminder that strong mental health supports begin at home. Early identification of caregiver mental health needs through home visiting can change a family's trajectory, improving well-being now and into the future.

HARC's PBRN members have led and participated in influential mental health research that strengthens family well-being and boosts long-term outcomes. Below are a few recent publications from HARC and its members.

Home Visitor Well-Being in Oregon: Influences on Stress, Mental Health and Risk for Staff Turnover

This **brief** by HARC member Beth Green and colleagues examines the well-being of home visitors in Oregon and how organizations, programs, and supervisors affect it, highlighting workplace supports and stressors tied to well-being and turnover.

Implementing Mental Health Interventions in Perinatal Home Visiting Programs: A Systematic Review of the Literature

Linda Beeber, a HARC member, and colleagues published a systematic **review** of studies of home-based mental health interventions delivered within U.S. perinatal home visiting programs, assessing their effectiveness and implementation.

Maternal Mental Health in Home Visiting: Addressing Depression, Anxiety, and Stress

This **brief** by HARC member Grace Atukpawu-Tipton and colleagues builds on a **report** on how home visiting can address depression by broadening the focus of mental health. The authors reviewed the literature to identify strategies and models that better support the mental health needs of expectant and new mothers.

Home Visiting Staff: Share your Insights on Virtual Mental Health Services in Home Visiting!



The **Jackie Walorski Center for Evidence-Based Case Management** invites *home visiting staff with an active caseload* to participate in a brief survey to **understand home visiting staff experiences referring caregivers to virtual mental health services**. Your feedback will provide actionable evidence to inform practice and policy. Participants will have the option to enter a raffle for one of four \$50 gift cards.

Please use this **link** to complete the survey.

Please email us at **ebcm@jhu.edu** with any questions or if you need help with the survey.

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

Researchers and Evaluators: How are you using AI in your work?

HARC Artificial Intelligence Survey for Researchers and Evaluators

We invite **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](#)

Upcoming Workshop - 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.

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

Economic Abuse Dynamics and Housing Insecurity Among Mothers of Young Children: A Mixed Methods Study

This month, HARC members Gina Fedock, Jennifer Baquedano, and colleagues released a mixed methods [study](#) examining the connections between economic abuse, housing insecurity, and homelessness among mothers of young children.

Effect of a Pregnancy Lifestyle Intervention Embedded Into a Home Visiting Program on Child Neurodevelopment

Recently, HARC member Sarah Farabi and colleagues published their [study](#) evaluating whether a lifestyle intervention delivered within the Parents as Teachers home visiting program affected children's neurodevelopment at 18 months.

Lessons in Data Linkage: Four Examples from Home Visiting Research

Linking administrative data across early childhood programs and sectors can boost service delivery, guide policy, and track outcomes, yet a prior review of studies linking home visiting data with other administrative sources found little published information about the foundational planning and visioning behind those efforts. To explore this gap, HARC interviewed key leaders of four linked home visiting projects. This [brief](#) summarizes insights from those interviews.

In the News

Fostering Home Visitor Peer Relationships: Strategies to Support the Home Visiting Workforce

This research-to-practice [brief](#) from the [Institute for Home Visiting Workforce Development](#) highlights the role peer relationships play in reducing burnout and supporting retention, and offers strategies program leaders can use to strengthen staff connection.



Help Strengthen the Home Visiting Workforce

Interested in helping build and sustain a strong home visiting workforce that supports families and young children? The [Institute for Home Visiting Workforce Development \(HVWFD\)](#), and the [Jackie Walorski Center for Evidence-Based Case Management](#) are offering opportunities for home visiting leaders and staff to strengthen the workforce through surveys,

forums, focus groups, in-person meetings, and webinars. To learn more, visit the HVWFD Engage [page](#).

Share Your Voice

Brief survey on how screen time affects parent-child interactions

Calling home visitors! James Bell Associates wants to hear from you!

Screens are everywhere, and they are changing the way parents and children interact. From what home visitors are seeing on the ground, is technology helping or hurting that connection? Share your perspective and help us get a pulse on what's really happening in the homes you visit.

We are conducting a study about emerging technology to enhance home visiting service delivery, including AI and digital media, and we are seeking 300 home visitors to complete a short survey. Respondents will be eligible to win one of five \$50 gift cards. Winners will be selected randomly from the final pool of respondents. Any home visitors can participate, regardless of model or funding source. Home visitors can take the survey [HERE](#). **Please do not share the survey link or post on social media.**

If you have any questions or clarifications, please contact the project team at innovatehv@jbassoc.com.

Forecasted Funding Opportunity

Reflective Supervision in Home Visiting Research Awards

The Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE) plans to solicit applications for Reflective Supervision in Home Visiting Research Awards. This [funding opportunity](#) will support projects that use the [Supervisory Practices in Reflective Supervision-Home Visiting \(SuPRS-HV\) measure](#) to research and evaluate reflective supervision in early childhood home visiting.

Fellowship Opportunity

LEGO Foundation Fellowship



The [LEGO Foundation](#) is accepting [applications](#) for the LEGO Foundation Fellowship, a three-year global research program for early- and mid-career scholars studying how children thrive across diverse contexts. Ideal candidates should demonstrate strong research potential, clear plans for their next research phase, and a commitment to producing evidence that informs action for children. Applicants from any discipline or geography are encouraged to apply; relevant fields include education, psychology, child development, public health, economics, and data science.

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



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)

Registration is now open 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)

Save 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!](#)

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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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