



HARC Herald

July 2026 Newsletter



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Come Join Us in Baltimore This September!

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

HARC's 10th Collaborative Science of Home Visiting Meeting

*Bridging Research and
Practice: Evidence Use in Early
Home Visiting*

Monday, September 28, 2026
1pm - 5pm
Marriott Waterfront Hotel
Baltimore, MD

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



Register Here



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Agenda

MEETING CHECK-IN

WELCOME
Allison West (Johns Hopkins University)
Kay O'Neill (Johns Hopkins University)
Margaret Kane (MCHB, HRSA)

PLENARY 1 AND DISCUSSION
A Framework for Promoting Use of Research Evidence (URE) in Practice
Speaker: Fred Wulczyn (Chapin Hall)

CONCURRENT SESSIONS: HARC SEED FUNDING PROJECTS
Projects Leveraging HARC's Practice-Based Research Network
Speakers: Laurel Davis (University of Minnesota)
Ronda Jensen (Northern Arizona University)

Projects Using Data Sharing or Linking
Speakers: Nicole Lauzus (Portland State University)
Alex Morshed (Emory University)

PLENARY 2 PANEL AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS
Decision Support Tools to Promote Use of Precision Research Evidence
Speakers: Kimberly Becker (University of South Carolina)
Jay Buzhardt (University of Kansas)

CLOSING REFLECTIONS

NETWORKING RECEPTION

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

Webinar Series: Knowledge You Can Use



HARC WEBINAR SERIES: EMERGING ISSUES

Implementing Service Coordination for Maternal Depression in Home Visiting: A Multiple-Case Study

August 11, 2026

12pm - 1pm ET



Abby Palmer Molina
University of Chicago

Home visiting (HV) programs play an important role in identifying maternal depression and connecting mothers to care, but screening and referral do not ensure that families can access timely and appropriate services. Drawing on interviews with home visitors, supervisors, and mothers from the Parents as Teachers HV program, this study examines how programs responded when referral and linkage pathways were delayed, inaccessible, or poorly matched to families' needs.

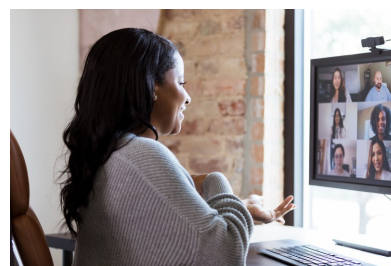
Findings show that sites used different combinations of complementary supports, including advocacy, intensive case management, direct emotional support, parenting groups, infant mental health consultation, and structured interventions. These strategies varied according to organizational capacity, staff training and role comfort, local service availability, and family circumstances. This presentation will consider how home visiting programs can move beyond a referral-only model by strengthening relational capacity, clarifying role boundaries, expanding in-house and consultative supports, and improving external partnerships.

[Register Here](#)

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

New Artificial Intelligence Special Interest Group

HARC is excited to announce a new Special Interest Group (SIG) focused on the evolving role of artificial intelligence (AI) in home visiting research and practice. The AI SIG brings members together to explore recent developments, share research, examine ethical implications, review promising tools, and find opportunities to collaborate and present. Any member of HARC's practice-based research network can join, including researchers, local home visiting staff, model representatives, and others with an interest in the use of AI in home visiting. Meetings will start every other month, with smaller spin-off groups encouraged. Our kickoff meeting is September 16 at 2 PM EST. [Click here](#) to learn more and sign up!



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

A Qualitative Study of Internal Engagement Factors in Home Visiting Programs

Recently, HARC members Gayane Baziyants, David Bard, and Hellen Milojevich published findings from a **study** using the family engagement framework to examine internal factors that may influence caregivers' decisions when offered evidence-based home visiting services.

Aligning Health and Social Systems to Improve Maternal Behaviors and Birth Outcomes Among Clients Engaged in Evidence-Based Home Visiting

HARC members Venice Williams and Mandy Allison published a **study** that examined system alignment among Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) home visitors and other community service providers and associations with maternal breastfeeding and smoking cessation, preterm birth, and low birth weight.

Enhancing Home Visits to Promote Parents' Sensitive Scaffolding Among Families Living in Poverty

HARC members Ye Rang and Robert Nix published findings from their precision home visiting **study** examining impacts of the Recipe 4 Success preventive intervention embedded in home-based Early Head Start for subgroups of families who varied in levels of sensitive scaffolding behaviors at the start of the study.

Implementation of Coaching and Peer Learning Collaboratives to Support Home Visiting Practices

HARC members Lorraine McKelvey, Angela Rau, Tasha Olson, Christine Zimmerman, Tyra Greenwood published a **study** describing a coaching and peer learning collaborative to strengthen home visitors' self-awareness, reflective capacity, and practices.



Implementation of Healthy Relationship Educational Materials in Alabama Home Visiting Programs

HARC members Heather Johnson, Matthew Fifolt published a **brief report** describing a quality improvement initiative examining the implementation of the Futures Without Violence *Connected Parents, Connected Kids* cards within Alabama home visiting programs.

Parent Perspectives of Relationships with Home Visitors: A Structural Equation Model

HARC member Stephanie Kathan published findings from a **study** that used secondary data from the Baby FACES dataset to examine whether and how home visiting practices and parental psychosocial risk factors predict parents' perceptions of the working alliance.

Women in Virginia's Comprehensive Health Investment Project Saw Increased Employment After One Year

Christina Padilla, Katie Richards, Sarah Crowne, all HARC members, shared findings from an **evaluation** of Virginia's Comprehensive Health Investment Program (CHIP), a case management program that provides home visits from both a registered nurse and a parent educator.

New from the Home Visiting Evidence of Effectiveness (HomVEE)

HomVEE will soon **pilot** an application process for model developers interested in having their model reviewed next year. This opportunity is for models not yet determined to be evidence based, or "Track 1" models, and will replace the usual points-based prioritization process. Visit **HomVEE** in the coming months for details on how to submit an expression of interest.

Help Inform the Future of the Home Visiting Workforce

The HRSA-funded **Institute for Home Visiting Workforce Development** (Workforce Institute) invites state, territory, tribal, and local home visiting leaders to participate in a brief national survey.

Your responses will help inform Workforce Institute resources and support for the home visiting field and contribute to field-wide data to advance the **National Strategy for the Home Visiting Workforce**.

The **survey** takes approximately 15 minutes to complete and asks about career advancement, compensation, credentialing, infant and early childhood mental health consultation, and strategies to reduce administrative burden. Participants who complete the survey by July 31 will be entered into a raffle to win one of 20 \$35 gift cards.

If you prefer to share your feedback through a virtual Zoom conversation instead of completing the survey online, please contact **hvwfd@jbassoc.com**.

This survey closes on July 31, 2026.

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**.

Early Career Scholar Opportunity

Journal of Prevention Science Early Career Reviewer Program: Request for Applications

The **Prevention Science Early Career Reviewer Program** mentors early-career researchers in prevention science and expands the reviewer pool. Emerging prevention scientists may apply for a 2-year mentored term with the journal *Prevention Science*. Applicants must secure a prevention science mentor, complete up to four reviews per year, and serve as the reviewer

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.

Upcoming Conferences



Native Communities Home Visiting Meeting (September 22-25, 2026, San Diego, CA)

[Registration](#) is open for the [Native Communities Home Visiting Meeting](#), which brings together those advancing home visiting in American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities. The meeting highlights how home visiting strengthens health and well-being while supporting culture, language, and future generations.

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)

Early-bird **registration** is now open through July 14 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 Now: Get Involved, Stay Informed, Lead Change

Join HARC's Practice- Based Research Network



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Platform!**



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

Home Visiting Applied Research Collaborative
www.hvresearch.org

*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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