



HARC Herald

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Join Us on September 28!

HARC's 10th Collaborative Science of Home Visiting Meeting

Join us from 1–5 pm on September 28 for HARC's 10th Collaborative Science of Home Visiting Meeting. This event will highlight tools and examples for translating research into practice in early childhood home visiting. The meeting is FREE to attend, and all are welcome. Learn more and register [here](#).

Agenda Highlights

2026 COLLABORATIVE SCIENCE OF HOME VISITING MEETING

*BRIDGING RESEARCH EVIDENCE
AND PRACTICE: EVIDENCE USE IN
EARLY HOME VISITING*

Marriott Waterfront Hotel, Baltimore, MD

Agenda

WELCOME

PLENARY 1 – FRAMEWORK FOR PROMOTING USE
OF RESEARCH EVIDENCE IN PRACTICE

CONCURRENT SESSIONS – HARC SEED FUNDING
PROJECTS – DATA SHARING & PBRN USE

PLENARY 2 – DECISION SUPPORT TOOLS TO
PROMOTE USE OF PRECISION RESEARCH EVIDENCE

CLOSING REFLECTIONS

NETWORKING RECEPTION

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

Help Shape the Future of HARC

We want to hear from you! Tell us about your experience as a HARC member over the past year and how you've engaged with HARC and its resources. Your feedback will help us **grow**, **improve**, and **better serve you** in the year ahead.

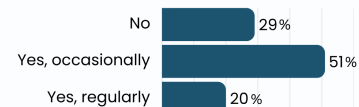
Take our quick [survey](#) today and enter for a chance to win a gift card. We value your input and can't wait to hear from you!

What Does Artificial Intelligence Look Like in Home Visiting?

The Use of Artificial Intelligence in Home Visiting Research and Evaluation

HARC surveyed PBRN members to capture their firsthand experiences with artificial intelligence (AI) in home visiting. Our latest [infographic](#) highlights key findings on researchers' and evaluators' familiarity with AI, how it's being used, key benefits and concerns, and documentation and disclosure practices. The bar chart on the right shows one survey finding: the percentage of researchers and evaluators who use AI tools in their research.

Use AI Tools in Research



Of those who have used AI, about **70%** reported using in their research or evaluation work. The most common activities for AI tool use were looking up and summarizing information on a topic, note-taking and meeting summaries, and helping with writing reports or documents.

Join HARC's 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!

Need Research Assistance? HARC is Here to Help!



Are you planning a study and need specific content area expertise or help with study design or planning for data analysis? HARC can connect you with researchers or evaluators from our vast network who have the expertise you need. [Submit a request](#) for tailored support to move your work forward!

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

16-Year Follow-Up of Family Spirit Intervention Effects on Native American Maternal-Child Outcomes: Study Protocol

Recently, HARC member Nicole Neault and colleagues published a 16-year long-term follow-up [protocol](#) to determine if Family Spirit's early impacts resulted in long-term protection against substance use and suicide.

Addressing Access Barriers in Rural America: A Mixed-Methods Study of Wisconsin's Family Resource Centers

HARC members Joshua Mersky, Colleen Janczewski, Jack Pollard, and colleagues published a mixed-methods [study](#) examining whether and how Family Resource Centers address rural access barriers in Wisconsin.

Does Virtual Service Delivery Make Home Visiting More Accessible Yet Still Provide Benefits to Families?

This month Lori Downing, Deborah Perry and colleagues published a [paper](#) exploring the benefits of a light-touch home visiting program offered virtually to families with newborns through nine months of age.

Scaling Early Parenting Programs to Support Positive Social-Emotional and Mental Health Outcomes in Young Children: A Systematic Review

HARC member Sara Cibralic and a colleague published a [systematic review](#) of peer-reviewed literature on scaled early parenting programs delivered during pregnancy through age five. The review looked at which programs have been scaled, the frameworks guiding scaling efforts, reported outcomes, and barriers and enablers to successful scaling.

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 Webinar

Family Engagement Toolkit Webinar (September 16, 3–4 PM ET)

The Administration for Children and Families' (ACF) is hosting a free [webinar](#) to introduce their [Family Engagement Toolkit](#), which is designed to help home visiting programs increase family awareness, participation, outreach, recruitment, and retention. The toolkit includes flexible, evidence-based resources and strategies developed as part of the [Understanding and Expanding the Reach of Home Visiting \(HV-REACH\)](#) project.

Call for Conference Proposal



Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP) 2027 Conference - Call for Proposals

AMCHP is now [accepting session and poster proposals](#) for its 2027 Annual Conference. The conference theme, “Recharge, Reimagine, and Rise,” highlights collaboration, innovation, and partnerships in maternal and child health. AMCHP welcomes proposals that engage families, communities, and individuals with lived experience. Accepted formats include workshops, lightning talks, student/early career professional grand rounds, and discussion sessions. [The deadline for submissions is September 30, 2026.](#)

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)

Registration is now open 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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