



HARC Herald

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Highlights from HARC's Collaborative Science Meeting

HARC's 10th Collaborative Science of Home Visiting Meeting in Baltimore was a resounding success, bringing together program staff, network leaders, federal staff, model representatives and researchers to discuss how to turn evidence into practice. We were inspired by presentations on evidence use, seed funding study results , and decision tools that support precision research evidence. Thank you to our speakers and attendees for making the event so meaningful.



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

Don't Miss Out! Join a HARC Special Interest Group

New Data Sharing Special Interest Group

Are you a researcher, evaluator, state home visiting staff member, model representative, or partner working with home visiting data? Join our Data Sharing Special Interest Group (DS SIG). The DS SIG is a forum for sharing successful data linkage projects, exchanging lessons learned, problem-solving common data challenges, and networking with peers. We will be hosting a small group office hours session on legal and privacy issues on October 16 from 2-3pm ET. Learn more about the DS SIG and sign up to be a member [here](#).

HARC Launches New Artificial Intelligence (AI) Special Interest Group (SIG)

On September 16, HARC launched its first AI SIG. Participants engaged in lively discussion, sharing ideas on AI in home visiting, including program operations, research applications, and effective tools. The next meeting is planned for November, and we welcome anyone interested in AI in home visiting to [register](#).

Fall Webinar Series Emerging Issues and Innovative Methods

Fall 2026 Webinar Series



Precision = Pathway to Family
Engagement and Retention

October 20; 12pm ET

Patti Manz
Lehigh University



Introduction to Human-Centered
Design: Principles, Methods, and
Examples

November 10; 12pm ET

Andrew Berry
Northwestern University



Rethinking Family Engagement
Measurement: From Visit Counts
and Self-Reports to Routine
Documentation and AI

December 8; 12pm ET

David Bard
The University of Oklahoma

Register at www.hvresearch.org

[Register Here](#)

Recording now available for HARC's *Implementing Service Coordination for Maternal Depression in Home Visiting: A Multiple Case Study* webinar

Home visiting programs play an important role in identifying maternal depression and connecting mothers to care, but screening and referral do not always ensure timely or appropriate services. Drawing on interviews with home visitors, supervisors, and mothers from the Parents as Teachers program, **Abby Palmer Molina shares** how programs responded when referral and linkage pathways were delayed, inaccessible, or poorly matched to families' needs. Findings identified a range of supports, including advocacy, case management, emotional support, parenting groups, infant mental health consultation, and structured interventions.

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

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

A Mixed Methods Study of Home Visiting Engagement and Responsive Support for Resettled Families

HARC member Aimee Hilado and colleagues shared findings from a **study** on engagement patterns in home visiting programs, using the Baby TALK Family Engagement Model in a sequential mixed-methods case study design.

A Qualitative Assessment for Planning the Implementation of a Social Needs Intervention in Community-based Home Visiting

HARC members Allison Kemner, Sarah Farabi, and colleagues published a new **study** on social needs screening and referrals in home visiting, as well as current assessment and response processes in Parents as Teachers.

School Readiness and Home Visiting: A Scoping Review of Definitions, Outcomes, and Contextual Moderators

Recently, HARC members Heather Johnson, Alejandra Powers, Matthew Fifolt, and colleagues published a **scoping review** of research on how participation in home visiting relates to children's school readiness at school entry.

New and Noteworthy Home Visiting Resources

2026 Home Visiting Yearbook

The National Home Visiting Resource Center has released its **2026 Home Visiting Yearbook**, a nationwide and state-by-state look at early childhood home visiting. Featuring 2025 data from evidence-based and emerging home visiting models, as well as the Administration for Children and Families, it highlights where programs operate, the families they serve, and those still not being reached, along with profiles of states, models, and Indigenous-led organizations.



2026 Home Visiting Workforce Data Dashboard

Explore the workforce behind home visiting - On September 21, the Workforce Institute launched the 2026 Home Visiting Workforce **Data Dashboard**, an interactive resource designed to make information about the home visiting workforce easier to explore and use. Users can explore workforce information at the national and state levels related to home visitors and supervisors. The Dashboard is designed to support workforce-focused planning, conversations, and decision-making by putting important information about the workforce in one easy-to-access place.

Opportunity from HomVEE

Invitation for Home Visiting Model Developers to Express Interest in Having Their Model Reviewed by HomVEE and Reported on the HomVEE Website

The HomVEE review invites developers of early childhood home visiting models to express interest in having their model reviewed and reported on the HomVEE website. Visit the HomVEE [website](#) to learn more about why this matters, who should express interest, and how to submit.

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

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.

Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP) Conference (March 6-9, 2027, Washington, DC)

Save the date for **AMCHP's Annual Conference**, themed “Recharge, Reimagine, and Rise.” The conference will bring together attendees to reflect, connect, and share ideas, creating space for connection, innovation, and action toward a more responsive and resilient future for maternal and child health.

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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