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HARC Recognizes National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is **National Domestic Violence Awareness Month**, a time to recognize the impact of domestic violence on families with young children. Home visiting can support families facing domestic violence by building trusting relationships, connecting families to resources, and providing a safe, consistent source of support. Thank you to home visiting staff for the important role you play in supporting families and helping promote safety and well-being.

Interested in learning more? Check out these recent peer-reviewed publications on the topic: *Evaluation of an Intimate Partner Violence Training for Home Visitors Using the Theory of Planned Behavior*

Home Visiting Interventions and Their Impact on Mental Health, Psychosocial, and Parenting Practice Outcomes of Vulnerable Caregivers: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

HARC Showcases Precision Home Visiting Research at the Home Visiting Summit

Following **HARC's Collaborative Science of Home Visiting Meeting** on September 28, HARC was excited to participate in the **National Home Visiting Summit**, sharing our work through a presentation, panel, poster session, and exhibitor table. HARC led two Summit presentations – the first highlighted the contextual factors that shape home visiting and how they can inform evaluation and program decision-making and the second featured HARC's seven Home Visiting Research Discovery Program scholars. HARC also featured seven posters showcasing exemplary precision home visiting research at the poster session.

New from HARC!



Intervention Adaptation and Sustainment: Annotated Bibliography

Recently HARC offered **webinars** to promote intervention adaptation and sustainment in home visiting. This new **annotated bibliography** provides practical resources on intervention adaptation and sustainment methods for intervention developers and research and evaluation teams.

Data Linkages to Support Home Visiting Research and Evaluation

Linking data opens the door to deeper insights, helping organizations evaluate outcomes and make informed program and policy decisions. This **infographic** offers a quick look at how data are being linked in home visiting research and evaluation, the most common data sources involved, and the top challenges encountered when linking data sources.

Resource to Identify Relational Communication Techniques in Home Visiting

Techniques are intentional, observable actions by a home visitor to support a family. HARC recently released a new resource to help collaborative research and evaluation teams define, discuss, and measure techniques within home visiting interventions, making it easier to identify, test, and spread promising strategies more accurately and efficiently. The new **Relational Communication Techniques Taxonomy** includes 40 techniques with definitions. It draws on evidence about strategies for communicating and building and maintaining relationships with families in home visiting, as well as an existing schema of delivery styles used by practitioners in related professions. It was developed with input from a range of partners, including home visiting practitioners, model representatives, and researchers. These techniques are important to family engagement and may help explain variation in home visiting effectiveness.

Fall Webinar Series
Emerging Issues and Innovative Methods



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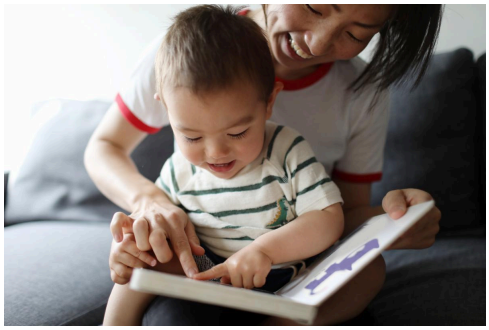
Visit our **webinar page** to learn about upcoming sessions and access recorded webinars.

Upcoming SIGs

Don’t Miss Out on HARC’s Artificial Intelligence Special Interest Group this November

Interested in using AI in your home visiting practice or research? Join HARC’s new **Artificial Intelligence Special Interest Group** (AI SIG) to explore the role of AI in home visiting, share ideas, discuss ethics, and connect with others. The next meeting is November 18, 2026, from 2–3 pm ET. All are welcome.

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



Adapting Implementation Facilitation to Scale Evidence-Based Perinatal Mental Health Services in Home Visiting Programs: A Community and Partner-Engaged Formative Evaluation Across Iowa and Indiana

This month, HARC members Jaime Hamil, Darius Tandon, and colleagues published a **paper** on a community- and partner-driven formative evaluation used to adapt an implementation facilitation strategy across diverse home visiting settings in a hybrid implementation-effectiveness-context cluster randomized controlled trial.

Building Stability: A Home-Visiting Financial Education Supplement to Enhance Family Well-Being

HARC member Kathryn Maguire-Jack and colleagues published a qualitative **study** examining parents' perceptions of the Earned Income Tax Credit Access Project and its potential impact on promoting family well-being through financial empowerment.

Strategies to Support Implementation of an Intervention Embedding Healthy Eating and Activity Content within Community Based Home Visiting

Recently, HARC members Sarah Farabi, Allison Kemner, Debra Haire-Josha, and colleagues published a **study** using a Designing for Dissemination and Sustainability approach to describe implementation strategies and perspectives supporting a healthy eating and active living intervention within Parents as Teachers.

Opportunity to Participate in a Research Study

The Pathways to Health study is seeking home visiting agencies interested in participating in a research study about supporting families after gestational diabetes. All home visiting families will receive a lifestyle intervention focused on diet and physical activity, with half of the families also receiving free medically-tailored meals and grocery boxes for 8 months. Participants will be paid for their research involvement. Click here for a **program overview** and to set up a time to learn more about the project. Eligible home visiting agencies must be using an evidence-based model for service delivery.

New from the Administration for Children and Families

New resources on coordinated intake systems and family engagement in home visiting, developed for ACF and HRSA as

part of the Understanding and Expanding the Reach of Home Visiting (HV-REACH) project

Looking to streamline how families access home visiting and other services? **Explore findings** from a study of six centralized intake systems across the country that include home visiting programs, **use this guide** to build or expand your own system, or **read this brief** about how to build and sustain partnerships that support centralized intake systems. Interested in improving family engagement in your home visiting program? **A new video** will walk you through the process of using a **Family Engagement Toolkit** to support this work. **A summary** of the factors that promote family engagement can also help you plan for improvement.

News from the Field: Investment in Expansion of the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV)

HRSA recently announced more than $525 million in FY 2026 awards to 56 state and jurisdiction awardees, marking the largest federal investment in MIECHV history. That commitment aligns with HRSA Administrator Tom Engels' recent **Dear Colleague Letter**, which calls on partners across the field to strengthen recruitment, retention, compensation, and well-being for the home visiting workforce. See the full press release and related resources **here**, and read the MIECHV brief **here**.

New and Noteworthy

Implementing Home Visiting in Native Communities: A Report from the Multi-site Implementation Evaluation of Home Visiting (OPRE Report 2026-026)

This OPRE **report** highlights findings from 17 Tribal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting programs and shares promising practices that may help Native communities strengthen home visiting services. One promising approach is involving other family or household members during visits, helping extend the benefits of home visiting beyond the caregiver and child**.**

HomVEE Call for Research on Home Visiting with Native Communities

The Home Visiting Evidence of Effectiveness (HomVEE) review is seeking research about home visiting with Native communities. Research must be published or made publicly available. HomVEE is requesting both impact research and other research that can help the field understand how home visiting models are designed and implemented with Native communities. To learn more, visit **HomVEE**. Deadline for submission is November 30, 2026.



Call for Conference Papers

Society for Prevention Research (SPR) Annual Meeting (June 1-4, 2027, Washington, DC)

The **Call for Papers** is now open for the **2027 SPR Annual Meeting**. This year's themes include innovative approaches to translation and expanding reach, strengthening the prevention science workforce, and engaging systems and knowledge users. SPR especially welcomes proposals focused on nutrition, chronic disease, digital media, environmental stressors, adverse childhood experiences, and sleep regulation, including their intersections with mental, emotional, and behavioral health. Community-engaged research is strongly encouraged. Deadline for submission is November 23, 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**.

Upcoming Conferences



National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Annual Conference (December 5-8, 2026, Washington, DC)

Registration is open for the **NAEYC Annual Conference**. This conference offers a rich mix of research-based and practical sessions focused on early learning, innovation and evidence-based practices.

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

Early bird **registration** is open for the **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.

National Head Start Conference and Expo (May 3-6, 2027, Pittsburgh, PA)

Save the **date** for the **National Head Start Conference and Expo**, where educators, administrators, family advocates, program leaders, and partners across the country come together to learn, grow, and celebrate the life-changing work happening in Head Start programs every day.

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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