The Collaborative Science of Home Visiting

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Washington, DC
Welcome and an Introduction to Big Things

- Consider context
- Review HVRN’s evolution 2012-today
- Kick off our Strategic Plan today
Give me a child for the first seven years, and I’ll give you the man.

- Various Attributions
- St. Ignatius Loyola?
Parenting Theories

- Parent’s Developmental History
- Parent’s Relationship Capacity
- PARENTING
- Stresses and Supports
- Targets of Intervention
- Child Health and Development
Home Visiting is a unique service because we cross the threshold to improve family well-being.
This is HV’s second time around in the US.
HV Literature and Early Endorsements

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS
Council on Child and Adolescent Health

The Role of Home-Visitation Programs in Improving Health Outcomes for Children and Families

*Pediatrics* 1998; 101:3 486-489.

Child Abuse and Neglect: Critical First Steps in Response to a National Emergency

August, 1990

*U.S. ADVISORY BOARD ON CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT*

Home Visiting: Opening Doors for America’s Pregnant Women and Children

July, 1989

National Commission to Prevent Infant Mortality
A Decade Launching Model Scale Up

1985

Parents as Teachers

1990

HEIPPY USA

Healthy Families America

1995

Early Head Start

Healthy Steps

Nurse-Family Partnership
(3) RESEARCH AND OTHER EVALUATION ACTIVITIES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry out a continuous program of research and evaluation activities in order to increase knowledge about the implementation and effectiveness of home visiting programs, using random assignment designs to the maximum extent feasible.

The Secretary may carry out such activities directly, or through grants, cooperative agreements, or contracts.

(B) REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary shall ensure that—

4. emotional, and physical developmental indicators.

(A) Improvements in parenting skills.

(B) Improvements in school readiness and child academic achievement.

(C) Reductions in crime or domestic violence.

(D) Improvements in family economic self-sufficiency.

(E) Improvements in community economic self-sufficiency.

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Local Sites Implementing Six HV Models in the US

2015
US Scale Up – Four Lines of Inquiry

1. Mother and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation
2. State Evaluations of Competitive Projects
3. HVCoLLiN
4. HVRN
HVRN – The Start

• Established in 2012
• Cooperative agreement with MCHB/HRSA
• Purpose:
  – Define a national home visiting research agenda
  – Use innovative methods to carry out the agenda
  – Prepare next generation of researchers
  – Translate results to advance the field
HVRN – the Start

STEERING COMMITTEE
Management Team
Stakeholder Representatives

COORDINATING CENTER

PRACTICE-BASED RESEARCH NETWORK
Trans-Model
Local Sites and Researchers

ADVISORS and CONSULTANTS

WORK TEAMS
Agenda
Methods
Next Generation

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS
How We Set the Research Agenda

- Learned from others
- “Organizing frameworks”
- Stakeholder nominations
- Categorize nominations
- Public comment
- Dissemination

American Academy of Pediatrics
Creating a National Home Visiting Research Network

Pediatrics 2013; 132: Suppl 2 S82-S89.
Top Ten Research Priorities

1. Increased effectiveness
2. Core elements
3. Successful adoption
4. Successful adaptation
5. Fidelity
6. Stable, competent workforce
7. Family engagement
8. Coordination
9. Sustainment of effective HV
10. Research infrastructure
HVRN – Achievement 2, the PBRN

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- ADVISORS and CONSULTANTS

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HVRN’S PBRN = HARC
Practice Membership = 273 local sites + 60 local site networks

DIVERSITY

- 46 states, 1 territory
- All major models
- 44% MIECHV funded
- Urban/suburban/rural
- Big and small
- Mature and young

http://www.ahrq.gov/research/pbrn/pbrnfact.htm
How HARC Works

HARC COUNCIL
Chair – Jon Korfmacher
5 Local Site & Network Directors
3 HARC Researchers
2 HRSA and ACF Liaisons

HARC HV SITES, NETWORKS, RESEARCHERS

Study Teams
Principal Investigator, Co-Investigators, Staff
Practice Representatives

IDEAS
SPECIFICS
TRANSATION
RESULTS
HVRN – Achievement 3, The Studies

- Family Engagement in Visits
- Observational Measures
- Reflective Supervision
- Influences on Actual Practice
- RoHVER
- Evolution of HV D&I Research
- HOME Scales Update
- HV Views on Coordination
- Pediatric PCP Views on Coordination
- HV for Military Families
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HVRN – Achievement 3, The Studies

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- Completed

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HVRN Scholar
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Heising-Simons Foundation
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Field - Initiated
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HVRN – Now What?

What’s Worked?
• Set the agenda
• Built the PBRN
• Launched several studies
• Mentored scholars
• Networked widely via professional meetings

What Could We Do Better?
• Our name!
• Broaden membership and synergy
• Expand work groups
• Translate more efficiently
• Expand our funding base
So, what’s the plan?

NAME
HVRN → HARC

MEMBERSHIP
Open to all HV stakeholder groups, including state leads, evaluators, CoIIN leaders
So, what’s the plan?

- Seed money
- HARC-Beats
So, what’s the plan?

**Dissemination Challenges**
1. Rapid turn around vs. journal publication
2. Stakeholder overload
3. Need to maximize visibility

**Solutions?**
- HARC-Beats rapid feedback
- Brief video clips
- Special issue
So, what’s the plan?

Funding

Original plan is sound:
descriptive → explanatory → intervention studies

HARC-Beats = “check the pulse of stakeholders”

Alignment with funders, state evaluations = win/win
Today’s meeting = the Kickoff

1. Show what we mean by Work Groups
   – Observation to measure the “what” and “how” of visits and test hypotheses about the “why” of variation
   – Coordination of home visiting with health care

2. Learn from members’ research

3. Hear from the funders

4. Begin to form our next generation of Work Groups

Onward!