



## HOME VISITING EVIDENCE OF EFFECTIVENESS (HOMVEE)

### CALL FOR STUDIES

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**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: January 4, 2016**

#### **Purpose**

Mathematica Policy Research® seeks studies for a comprehensive review of the evidence base for home visiting programs. The review is being conducted for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) by Mathematica Policy Research and will be used to help inform policy, new initiatives, and program directions at the federal level. Please note that HomVEE will screen and retain all study submissions, but due to the volume of research is unable to review all submitted studies.

#### **Background**

In spring 2010, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), both within DHHS, announced the availability of FY 2010 funding for the *Affordable Care Act (ACA) Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program*. The program emphasizes and supports successful implementation of high-quality, home visiting programs that have demonstrated evidence of effectiveness. The program is being administered by HRSA in collaboration with ACF.

To identify the home visiting programs that have evidence of effectiveness, on behalf of DHHS, Mathematica is continuing a comprehensive review of the evidence base. The review began in the fall of 2009. The results, as well as detailed information about the review standards, are available on the HomVEE website (<http://homvee.acf.hhs.gov/>). The HomVEE review [focuses on effectiveness studies](#), but also accepts and may examine implementation studies. At the end of each calendar year, HomVEE issues a new Call for Studies as part of a broader effort to continue and to update the existing review.

#### **Eligibility**

This Call for Studies is particularly aimed at identifying studies not previously reviewed by the HomVEE team including unpublished manuscripts (past or recent), conference papers, or new publications (currently in press) that are *not* included in [databases searched for the review](#). Authors may also submit new evidence or findings that build on or expand previously reviewed studies (as long as the results are reported as new, stand-alone articles).

Studies submitted in response to this call should:

- Focus on home visiting programs targeted to pregnant women, expectant fathers and families with or caregivers of children ages birth to kindergarten entry.
- Focus on programs in which home visiting is the primary service delivery strategy. Programs that are primarily center-based with infrequent or supplemental home visiting will be excluded. Home visiting services should be offered to most or all participants and should be integral to programmatic goals.



- Have been prepared or published in 1979 or later.
- Provide the name and a detailed description of the home visiting program being evaluated, as well as the study methods employed.
- Target at least one of the following outcome domains:
  - Improvements in prenatal, newborn, and child health;
  - Improvement in child development and school readiness, including improvements in cognitive, language, social-emotional, academic achievement, and physical developmental indicators;
  - Improvements in family economic self-sufficiency;
  - Improvements in the coordination of referrals for, and the provision of, other community resources and supports for eligible families;
  - Improvements in maternal health, including improved pregnancy outcomes;
  - Improvements in parenting skills related to child development;
  - Reductions in child maltreatment; and
  - Reductions in juvenile delinquency, family violence, or crime.

### **Submission Instructions**

Submissions should be e-mailed to [HVEE@mathematica-mpr.com](mailto:HVEE@mathematica-mpr.com).

Submissions should include the following:

- An electronic version of the study in MS Word or PDF format
- A cover e-mail noting contact information for the lead or corresponding author, the name of the home visiting program being evaluated, and the study design—randomized control trial, quasi-experimental (comparison group, regression discontinuity, single case), or implementation; HomVEE does not currently review studies with a pre-post or correlational design

### **The deadline for submissions is January 4, 2016.**

Submissions are added to HomVEE's database of studies, along with studies obtained through a broad literature search. HomVEE [screens all studies for relevance](#), [prioritizes program models for review](#), and reviews all eligible studies of the prioritized models. HomVEE releases the results of its annual review by September 30 of each year.

Authors will receive acknowledgment of receipt of their submission but no indication of the possible inclusion of their study in the review. HomVEE retains all studies that are eligible for review but are not about one of the prioritized models for consideration in subsequent review cycles.