



HOME VISITING EVIDENCE OF EFFECTIVENESS (HOMVEE)

SPECIAL TOPIC CALL FOR STUDIES

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: September 19, 2016

Purpose

Mathematica Policy Research® seeks studies for a focused review on the effectiveness of model supplements, adaptations, and other aspects of addressing needs through home visiting service delivery. This special call for studies is focused on home visiting to address two outcomes: intimate partner violence and families' economic self-sufficiency. (Note: For this Call for Studies we are also interested in studies that address the effectiveness of home visiting for (1) other outcomes, (2) with specific populations, and (3) other special topics. A separate call for studies to inform HomVEE's annual review of home visiting program models will be released in late 2016.)

Mathematica is conducting the HomVEE review for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The review may be used to help inform policy, new initiatives, and program directions at the federal level.

Background

To supplement its annual review of literature on home visiting program models, HomVEE is beginning special topic reviews in which we will examine research on the effectiveness of home visiting with specific populations, to address specific outcomes, or to explore other topics that may emerge from ongoing research. Special topic reviews may include research that is not specific to a home visiting program model, as well as model-specific research and research on the effectiveness of adaptations or supplements to models. Model specific-research that has already been reviewed by HomVEE may also be included in special topic reviews.

Eligibility

With this Call for Studies, we are particularly interested in studies about the effectiveness of elements of home visiting to address the issues of (1) intimate partner violence and (2) families' economic self-sufficiency. However, research on other special topics is welcome and may be used to prioritize topics for future reports. Submissions may include published research, unpublished manuscripts (past or recent), conference papers, or new publications (currently in press) that are *not* included in [databases searched for the review](#).

Studies submitted in response to this call should:

- Be based on one of the following study designs: randomized controlled trial, comparison group, single case, or regression discontinuity. (Implementation research, correlational studies, and pre-post designs will not be examined for the special topic reviews.)



- Focus on the effectiveness of home visiting interventions targeted to pregnant women, expectant fathers, and families with—or caregivers of—children ages from birth to kindergarten entry.
- Focus on interventions 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 the intervention.
- Have been prepared or published in 2001 or later.

We are also interested in studies that address the effectiveness of home visiting for other outcomes, with specific populations, and other special topics (possible topics¹ include fathers' involvement, serving rural populations, substance-using caregivers, etc.). Although those may not be examined in the upcoming review, they will be retained for future consideration and may help guide future topic selection.

Submission instructions

Submissions should be e-mailed to 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 intervention if not apparent within the study itself, and the study design
- Although not required, authors of studies based on randomized controlled trials and quasi-experimental comparison group designs may wish to consult and use HomVEE's [reporting guide for study authors](#) as they prepare their submission

The deadline for submissions is September 19, 2016.

Submissions will be added to HomVEE's database of studies, along with studies obtained through a broad literature search. HomVEE will screen all studies for relevance. Authors will receive acknowledgment of receipt of their submission. Some submissions may not qualify for further review at this time, but will be retained for future consideration.

¹ Note: The topics mentioned may or may not be addressed in future efforts. We are broadly interested in a better understanding of the literature available from the field on a variety of topics.