



## Home Visiting Evidence of Effectiveness (HomVEE)

### CALL FOR RESEARCH

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JANUARY 4, 2021**

#### Purpose

The Home Visiting Evidence of Effectiveness (HomVEE) review seeks manuscripts for a comprehensive review of the evidence base for early childhood home visiting models. The review is being conducted for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) by Mathematica and will be used to inform federal policies, initiatives, and programs. HomVEE will screen and retain all manuscript submissions but cannot review all of them due to the volume of research.

#### Background

The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program, which is overseen by the Health Resources and Services Administration in partnership with the Administration for Children and Families, supports voluntary, evidence-based early childhood home visiting services for pregnant women and children from birth through age 5. To identify the early childhood home visiting models that have shown evidence of effectiveness, HomVEE began conducting a comprehensive systematic review of the evidence base in fall 2009. The results, as well as detailed information about the review standards, are available on HomVEE's website (<https://homvee.acf.hhs.gov/>). The HomVEE review focuses on effectiveness studies but also accepts and may examine implementation studies. Each year, HomVEE issues a new call for research to update the existing review.

#### Eligibility

This call for research aims to identify manuscripts that HomVEE has not previously reviewed, including unpublished manuscripts (past or recent), conference papers, book chapters, working papers, and new publications (currently in press) that do not appear in databases searched for the review.<sup>1</sup> Authors may submit new evidence or findings that build on or expand previously reviewed manuscripts, as long as the results are reported as new, stand-alone articles.

Manuscripts submitted in response to this call should meet the following criteria:

- Focus on early childhood home visiting models that target pregnant women, expectant fathers, and families or caregivers of children from birth to kindergarten entry (that is, up through age 5).
- Focus on models 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 be integral to programmatic goals.

#### Timeline for HomVEE review

For the 2021 annual review, HomVEE will consider submissions of unpublished manuscripts or of manuscripts published through December 2020. HomVEE also will conduct an independent literature search for manuscripts published from January 2001 through September 2020. HomVEE will release results for models that are not evidence based in September of each year. Updates to selected evidence-based models will be released by December of each year.



- Focus on models that have a set of fidelity standards that define how the model is to be implemented and in which services are delivered by trained home visitors following a defined schedule that may be tailored to meet a family’s needs.
- Focus on models with voluntary participation.
- Have been prepared or published in 2001 or later, or have been submitted to the call for research.
- Provide the name and a detailed description of the early childhood home visiting model that was evaluated and the study methods that were employed.
- Target at least one of the following outcome domains:
  - Improvements in prenatal, newborn, and child health
  - Improvements in child development and school readiness, including cognitive, language, social-emotional, and academic achievements, as well as physical developmental indicators
  - Improvements in family economic self-sufficiency
  - Improvements in the coordination of referrals for and 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
  - Reductions in juvenile delinquency, family violence, or crime

### **Submission instructions**

Send submissions to [HVEE@mathematica-mpr.com](mailto:HVEE@mathematica-mpr.com).

Submissions should include the following:

- An electronic version of the manuscript in MS Word or PDF format.
- A cover email noting contact information for the lead or corresponding author, the name of the early childhood home visiting model being evaluated, and the study design: randomized controlled trial; quasi-experimental design (including non-experimental group design, single-case design, and regression discontinuity design); or implementation. HomVEE does not review manuscripts about studies that use a pre-post or correlational design.

Although not required, authors of manuscripts that describe randomized controlled trials and non-experimental group design studies might wish to consult and use HomVEE’s reporting guide for authors (available at <https://homvee.acf.hhs.gov/publications/methods-standards>) as they prepare their submission. Please make sure you are [subscribed to HomVEE’s mailing list](#) to be alerted when the updated guide is released in late 2020.

**The deadline for submissions is January 4, 2021.**

Submissions will be added to HomVEE’s database of manuscripts, along with manuscripts obtained through a broad literature search. HomVEE screens all manuscripts for relevance, prioritizes some models for review, and reviews all eligible manuscripts of the prioritized models. Additional details about the process and standards for the review are available in HomVEE’s Version 2 Handbook, which is scheduled



for release in late 2020. Please make sure that you are [subscribed to HomVEE's mailing list](#) to be alerted when the handbook is released.

Authors will receive acknowledgment of receipt of their submission, but they will not be told of the possible inclusion of their manuscript in the review. HomVEE retains all manuscripts that are eligible for review but not about one of the prioritized models. These manuscripts are reconsidered in subsequent review cycles.

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<sup>i</sup> HomVEE searches the following databases for the review: Academic Search Premier, APA PsycInfo, Campbell Collaboration, Child Care & Early Education Research Connections, CINAHL with Full Text, Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials, Cochrane Methodology Register, E-Journals, EconLit, Education Research Complete, ERIC, Google Scholar, Harvard Think Tank Search, MEDLINE, New York Academy of Medicine's Grey Literature Report, ProQuest Dissertations, SAGE database, Scopus, SocINDEX with Full Text, and WorldCat.