



# Home Visiting Evidence of Effectiveness (HomVEE) Q & A

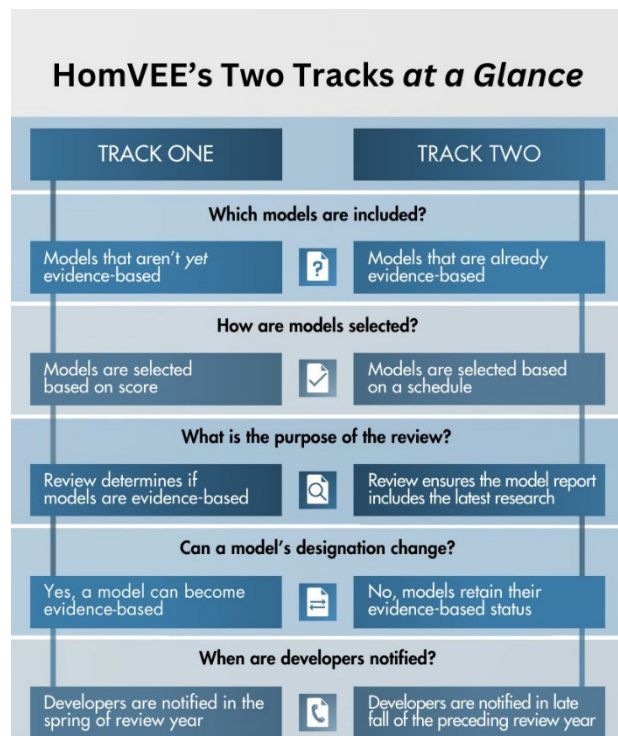
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**The Home Visiting Evidence of Effectiveness (HomVEE) Review** is a federally sponsored initiative that reviews research on the impacts of early childhood home visiting models. HomVEE aims to inform policymakers, researchers, and the public by determining whether models meet specific requirements for evidence of effectiveness.

The purpose of this fact sheet is to answer basic questions about HomVEE. To learn more or join the HomVEE email list, visit <https://homvee.acf.hhs.gov/>

## What does HomVEE review?

HomVEE reviews publicly available research on early childhood home visiting models that serve pregnant people and families with young children (through age 5). To be eligible for review, research must examine impacts in one of eight outcome domains and use an eligible design.



## How does HomVEE decide which new models to review?

Models that are not yet evidence based (Track 1) are selected for review based on a score. Every year, the research team conducts an extensive database search and issues a public call for research to identify new manuscripts. All manuscripts are screened for eligibility, then each model receives a score based on a combination of manuscript- and model-level characteristics. HomVEE reviews the highest-scoring models, within available resources.

## How does HomVEE decide to make updates for evidence-based models?

HomVEE periodically updates reports for evidence-based models (Track 2) to ensure they reflect the latest literature. Models are selected based on a predetermined schedule. HomVEE does not reassess whether the model is evidence based.

## Does HomVEE require evidence from a randomized controlled trial (RCT)?

No, HomVEE reviews several research designs. Two categories of impact research are eligible: randomized controlled trials and three types of quasi-experimental designs (single-case, regression-discontinuity, and non-experimental comparison group designs)

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### How does HomVEE determine what is evidence based?

The HHS criteria for evidence of effectiveness are the requirements a model must meet to earn a HomVEE evidence-based designation. These criteria require some evidence of replicated findings in one or more eligible domains. The specific criteria are listed on the HomVEE website: <https://homvee.acf.hhs.gov/about-us/hhs-criteria>

### HomVEE Review Cycle

Current Cycle	Selection of Models		Review of Research				Produce Reports			Publish Reports		
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Next Cycle	Call for Research							Screen Next Year's Research				

### How does the review process work once a model is selected?

Once a model is selected for review, the research team reviews eligible research using published procedures and standards. Each manuscript, and each finding within it, receives a rating of high, moderate, low, or indeterminate. High- and moderate-rated findings count towards meeting HomVEE’s requirements for an evidence-based early childhood home visiting model. These requirements are summarized in the HHS criteria for evidence of effectiveness.

### Can a model apply to be reviewed?

No, model developers cannot apply to be reviewed. HomVEE selects new models for review based on a score. This score accounts for factors such as the volume and rigor of research.

### What can models that want to be reviewed by HomVEE do?

While models cannot apply to be reviewed, developers can increase their chances of review by submitting any impact research to HomVEE. Anyone can submit research to HomVEE at any time through the HomVEE inbox: [HomVEE@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:HomVEE@acf.hhs.gov). To be considered for a given year, a manuscript must be received by the deadline provided in HomVEE’s annual call for research. Manuscripts submitted any other time are considered in future years.

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