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A Home Visiting Program Reduces Attitudes Related to Harsh and Neglectful Parenting

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Main Finding

A *home visiting program* in New Mexico delivered by *paraprofessionals* resulted in **increased appropriate, nurturing parenting attitudes and behavior** at 12-month follow-up compared to treatment-as-usual.

Intro:

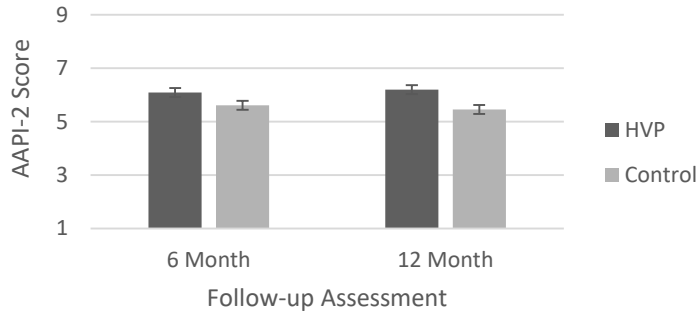
- Home visiting programs (HVP) provide preventative and intervention services
- Meta-analyses demonstrate efficacy of HVP (e.g., Filene et al., 2013)
- Mixed evidence regarding effects of child abuse and neglect
- Effects of HVP on attitudes related to harsh and neglectful parenting

Methods:

1. Recruited 343 first-time parents in three counties in New Mexico
2. RCT with follow-up assessments at 6 and 12 months
3. Adult Adolescent Parenting Inventory-2
4. Independent samples t-tests and hierarchical regression

Results:

Mean Differences in AAPI-2 Scores Across Study Conditions



6 Month:

$t(298) = -1.94, p = .053$

12 Month:

$t(276) = -3.04, p = .003$

Hierarchical Regression Predicting AAPI-2 at 6 month

Variable	ΔR^2	B	SE	β	p-value
Step 1	.268**				
AAPI-2 (bl)		.525	.051	.517	< .001
Step 2	.008**				
Condition		.390	.213	.092	.068

Hierarchical Regression Predicting AAPI-2 at 12 month

Variable	ΔR^2	B	SE	β	p-value
Step 1	.209**				
AAPI-2 (bl)		.452	.053	.457	< .001
Step 2	.025**				
Condition		.645	.218	.157	.003

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