


Evaluation Technical Assistance (TA) Resources for States

Plain Language Tool for Fiscal Year 2020 RESEA State Plans, Item 28: Evidence-Based Standards and Evaluation Requirements

This plain language tool may be helpful when states are completing Item 28 of the RESEA state plan template titled, "Elements of an Unemployment Insurance (UI) Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) Grant State Plan."

Helpful links and other evaluation TA evaluation resources are included on the last page of this document.

For more help with your RESEA state plan, please contact your Employment and Training Administration (ETA) Regional Office.



RESEA

ELEMENTS OF AN UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) REEMPLOYMENT SERVICES AND ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT (RESEA) GRANT STATE PLAN

1. State Name

2. Name and Title of the State Agency Administrator

Name: Title:

Address:

3. RESEA Program Lead/Contact

The Person who can answer questions about the RESEA Proposal.

Name: Telephone:

Email:

4. UI Program Lead/Contact

Is your state using interventions that have received ‘High’ or ‘Moderate’ RESEA causal evidence intervention ratings in CLEAR?

Resources and Clarifications:

(1) If “No,” the state’s whole RESEA program must be under evaluation (described in 28(b)).

(2) For a current list of categories of RESEA interventions and their intervention causal evidence rating, states should see [CLEAR’s RESEA topic area tab](#). In FY20, three interventions (Reemployment Eligibility Assessments, Job Search Assistance, and Profiling) have received ‘High’ or ‘Moderate’ intervention ratings.

(3) For more information states should refer to [UIPL 01-20](#) and [TEGL 6-19](#).

List or describe which intervention(s) your state is using that have received ‘High’ or ‘Moderate’ RESEA intervention ratings in CLEAR. If there is a specific study of an intervention the state is using to inform its RESEA program design, cite it here.

Resources: For a current list of categories of RESEA interventions and their intervention causal evidence rating, states should see [CLEAR’s RESEA topic area tab](#).

- Expand each intervention category to see a list of research supporting each intervention rating.
- Click on specific study profiles to find citations.

Briefly describe how the interventions described are appropriate for the population your RESEA program is serving.

28. Evidence-based Standards and Evaluation Requirements

Each state must provide assurances and a description of how the state’s RESEA program will satisfy the requirement to use grant funds only for interventions and service delivery strategies designed to reduce the number of weeks for which program participants receive unemployment compensation by improving employment outcomes for participants, including employment and earnings. States implementing RESEA interventions or service delivery strategies without a high or moderate causal rating must be under evaluation at the time of use. (Section 306(e)(1)(B), SSA).

28(a):

Do you assure that the state’s RESEA program will satisfy the requirement to use grant funds only for interventions and service delivery strategies designed to reduce the number of weeks for which program participants receive unemployment compensation by improving employment outcomes for participants, including employment and earnings?

☒ Yes / ☐ No

Insert description of the evidence-based interventions and service delivery strategies the State plans to use to speed reemployment, including specific references to the evidence relied upon.

Insert an explanation of how such interventions and service delivery strategies are appropriate to the population served.

Are you evaluating either your whole RESEA program or the parts of your RESEA program that are not described by the interventions listed in 28(a)?

Describe your states evaluation plans. For example:

- Describe if you are planning to evaluate your whole RESEA program or a component of your RESEA program, and what the intervention you're planning to evaluate looks like.
- Describe the type of evaluation are you planning. (Note: common responses include: (1) an impact study using the most rigorous and appropriate design feasible, (2) an impact study using random assignment, or (3) an impact study using a quasi-experimental design)

Resources:

(1) For more information about expectations for states' evaluation plans in FY20, states should refer to [UIPL 01-20](#) and [TEGL 6-19](#).

(2) For help understanding different types of evaluations, states should refer to the [RESEA Evaluation TA webinar series](#) on WorkforceGPS.

Indicate how much money your state will use for your evaluation. States may set aside up to 10 percent of your total requested grant award to conduct evaluations.

Resources:

(1) States can refer back to item 6 for the total amount of funds being requested.

(2) This number should not be over 10 percent or very low (too low to reasonably be expected to conduct the first year of the evaluation described in 28(b)). For help with evaluation planning, states should refer to the [RESEA Evaluation TA webinar series](#) on WorkforceGPS.

28(b):

Do you assure that the RESEA interventions or service delivery strategies used to implement the program without a high or moderate causal rating are under evaluation at the time of use?

☒ Yes / ☐ No

Insert, if applicable, a description of the evaluation structure the State plans to use for interventions and service delivery strategies without at least a moderate or high causal evidence rating, which may include national evaluations conducted by the U.S. Department of Labor or by other entities.

28(c):

Total funds that will be set-aside to conduct or cause to be conducted evaluations of interventions used in carrying out the RESEA Program. This amount is limited to 10 percent of grant award (Section 306(d)(2), SSA).

\$

6. Total Proposed RESEA Project Cost

The total amount of funds requested in this grant, which may be up to the limit specified in annual RESEA operating guidance.

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(If needed, please use the box below to elaborate on grant funds.)

Describe the data collection activities your state currently undertakes in these three areas.

Resources and Clarifications:

(1) If your state is submitting your quarterly reports to DOL, you may reference that here as those reports include these items. States are also encouraged to think broadly about what data is currently being collected by the state that might be used to inform your current RESEA program design and evaluation plans. States may describe those ideas here.

(2) For help thinking about using data in evaluations, states should refer to the [RESEA Evaluation TA webinar series](#) on WorkforceGPS.

28(d):

Insert a description of any reemployment activities and evaluations of reemployment interventions and service delivery strategies conducted in the prior fiscal year and any data collected on:

1. Characteristics of program participants;
2. Number of weeks for which program participants receive unemployment compensation; and
3. Employment and other outcomes for program participants consistent with State performance accountability measures provided by the State unemployment compensation program and performance outcome measures as defined in section 116(b) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3141(b))

More Resources

- [UIPL 1-20](#) and [TEGL 6-19](#), Expectations for States Implementing the Reemployment Service and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) Program Requirements for Conducting Evaluations and Building Program Evidence.
 - Related webinar on [RESEA: Overview of Evaluation and Evidence Requirements](#)
- [The RESEA Evaluation and Evidence Resources](#) landing page on WorkforceGPS provides up-to-date evaluation resources and TA materials.
- [CLEAR's RESEA Topic Area Tab](#). Identifies:
 - RESEA interventions that have received 'High,' 'Moderate,' 'Potentially Promising,' or 'No Rating' intervention causal evidence ratings to-date. RESEA intervention ratings are indicated with a thermometer icon.
 - Relevant research, summaries of specific studies, and syntheses of reemployment literature to-date
- CLEAR's [causal evidence guidelines](#), which outline the standards by which impact studies using different designs can receive 'High,' 'Moderate,' or 'Low' causal evidence ratings by CLEAR. Impact study ratings are indicated with a gas gauge icon.

RESEA Intervention Ratings



CLEAR Impact Study Intervention Ratings

