

Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessments (RESEA): Evaluation Resource List as of February 2021

As a part of its evaluation technical assistance (EvalTA) efforts, the RESEA study team has compiled a list of key websites, studies, and tools that will help RESEA program administrators and their staff understand, use, and produce evidence about their RESEA interventions. This list will be updated as new resources are available.

The Clearinghouse for Labor Evaluation and Research (CLEAR)

CLEAR reviews studies in a variety of labor-related topic areas and can be found at <https://clear.dol.gov>. CLEAR categorizes studies into topic areas. Below are particularly relevant resources:

- **RESEA topic area:** This topic area focuses on studies of interventions designed to promote faster reemployment of unemployment insurance (UI) claimants. Of particular note are REA impact evaluations. <https://clear.dol.gov/reemployment-services-and-eligibility-assessments-resea>
- **CLEAR standards:** CLEAR standards describe evaluation quality criteria by design type. <https://clear.dol.gov/reference-documents/causal-evidence-guidelines-version-21>
- **Job Search Assistance topic area:** This topic area includes reviews of studies examining the effectiveness of job search assistance interventions which aim to improve participants' employment and earnings outcomes. <https://clear.dol.gov/taxonomy/term/522>

On WorkforceGPS, you can also find the **CLEAR Causal Evidence Plain Language Tool**: This tool supports states in their understanding and use of the Department's Clearinghouse for Labor Evaluation and Research (CLEAR) to inform RESEA program design. <https://rc.workforcegps.org/-/media/Communities/rc/Files/CLEAR-Causal-Evidence-Plain-Language-Tool.ashx>

WorkforceGPS – Evaluation and Research Hub

WorkforceGPS is an online repository of technical assistance resources for the public workforce system. The Evaluation and Research Hub (<https://evalhub.workforcegps.org/>) gives workforce staff access to evaluation resources and peer learning activities that help them integrate evaluation into their program operations. The following resources can also be found on the Evaluation and Research Hub:

- **RESEA Evaluation Toolkit:** This toolkit provides a basic overview of evaluation elements for program management purposes. It also provides information about other generally accepted and available evaluation resources that may be useful for state RESEA programs.

About the Study

In 2018, the Department of Labor's Chief Evaluation Office (CEO) contracted with Abt Associates and its partners, the Urban Institute, Capital Research Corporation (CRC), and the National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA), to develop strategies to support the evidence requirements in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 that relate to RESEA. One of the major goals of the project is to provide evaluation technical assistance to states to build their technical capacity to meet the requirements of the legislation if they operate an RESEA program. The webinars described in this document are part of the project's evaluation technical assistance. For more information on this study, visit CEO's Current Study's webpage at: <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/oaspevaluation/currentstudies>

<https://rc.workforcegps.org/resources/2019/07/30/17/32/-/media/0CA5268944284F3DB41E6DC92A313C2E.ashx>

- **RESEA Evaluation FAQs:** This tool contains responses to frequently asked evaluation related questions of a technical nature. <https://rc.workforcegps.org/resources/2019/07/30/17/32/-/media/C0761942FD8B4563A2C34ACF3E2EF00C.ashx>
- **RESEA Evaluation Technical Assistance Webinars:** This webinar series introduces states to key evaluation concepts and prepares them to evaluate their RESEA interventions. Additional webinars will be coming soon.
 - **“How Does Evaluation Help My State and Where Do We Start?”:** This webinar describes initial steps states can take to plan evaluations of their RESEA interventions. <https://www.workforcegps.org/events/2019/04/17/16/43/Evaluating-RESEA-How-Does-it-Help-My-State-and-Where-Do-We-Start>
 - **“Which Evaluation Designs Are Right for My State?”:** This webinar introduces states to a range of evaluation design types and describes what kinds of information can be learned from each type. <https://www.workforcegps.org/events/2019/05/07/13/07/What-Evaluation-Designs-Are-Right-For-My-State>
 - **“What Evaluation Details Do I Need to Plan for and How Long Will It Take?”:** This webinar prepares states to plan evaluation activities from start to finish. Attendees will explore common activities at each stage of the evaluation. <https://www.workforcegps.org/events/2019/05/30/13/54/What-Evaluation-Details-Do-I-Need-for-a-Plan-and-How-Long-Will-It-Take>
 - **“Procuring and Selecting an Evaluator”:** This webinar provides an overview of procurement activities and elements to support states in selecting qualified, independent evaluators to conduct high quality evaluations. <https://www.workforcegps.org/events/2019/05/30/14/24/Procuring-and-Selecting-an-Independent-Evaluator>
 - **“Assessing Data for Your RESEA Evaluation”:** This session prepares attendees to discuss and assess options to use administrative data to support evaluations. <http://mahernet.adobeconnect.com/p6pqigvrkwo0/>
 - **“De-Mystifying Random Assignment Designs for RESEA”:** This session aims to increase states’ familiarity and confidence with random assignment evaluation designs. <http://mahernet.adobeconnect.com/p9uumcab4ro3/>
 - **“Evaluations Using Your Administrative Data: Quasi-Experimental Designs”:** This webcast explores QEDs as impact evaluation, describes the use of administrative data to evaluate RESEA programs. https://mahernet.adobeconnect.com/_a14339732/pubd2hfg1ksi/
 - **“Implementation Studies”:** This webcast describes the value of implementation studies, how to use them to gain deeper insights into how your program is operating, how they can support impact evaluation and program improvement. <http://mahernet.adobeconnect.com/pxdxnu8sqy9w/>
 - **“Live Q&A: REA Impact Study Findings and Implications for State RESEA Evaluations”:** This webcast provides a brief overview of the Reemployment and Eligibility Assessment (REA) Impact Study findings and their implications for Re-Employment Services and Eligibility Assessment

(RESEA) programs and evaluations.

<https://www.workforcegps.org/events/2020/09/14/19/08/Live-Q-and-A-REA-Impact-Study-Findings-and-Implications-for-RESEA-Programs-and-Evaluations>

- **“Using the Clearinghouse for Labor Evaluation and Research (CLEAR) - A Demonstration”:** This session includes a demonstration of the CLEAR website functionalities and explains how CLEAR may be used to find evidence relevant to states’ RESEA programs.
<https://www.workforcegps.org/events/2019/06/05/13/28/Using-the-Clearinghouse-for-Labor-Evaluation-and-Research-CLEAR-A-Demonstration>
- **“Findings from the REA Impact Study and Implications for State RESEA Evaluations”:** This session describes the findings from the REA Impact Study and explores their implications for states’ future RESEA evaluations.
https://mahernet.adobeconnect.com/_a14339732/ptctlrrwmf1z/
- **Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Evaluation Toolkit:** The WIOA Evaluation Toolkit is an extensive general guide on how to conduct workforce evaluations. This document includes descriptions of key evaluation fundamentals such as types of evaluations and their purposes, things to consider in selecting an evaluator, and activities involved with evaluation implementation.
<https://evalhub.workforcegps.org/resources/2018/09/07/19/58/WIOA-Evaluation-Toolkit>
- **Online Training:** WorkforceGPS provides access to a range of self-paced training modules designed to improve the public workforce systems’ capacity to serve customers and improve program performance. To access trainings, visit <https://www.workforcegps.org/online-training>.
- **Tools:** Among the Evaluation and Research Hub’s evaluation planning tools, we strongly recommend:
 - **Evaluation Readiness Assessment Tool:** This tool will help states understand their readiness to conduct rigorous evaluations.
<https://evalhub.workforcegps.org/resources/2018/09/07/19/45/Evaluation-Readiness-Assessment-Tool>
 - **Evaluation Design Assessment Tool:** This tool will help states assess the evaluability of their proposed intervention and understand operational considerations.
<https://evalhub.workforcegps.org/resources/2018/09/07/19/53/Evaluation-Design-Assessment-Tool>

DOL Chief Evaluation Office

DOL’s Chief Evaluation Office (DOL CEO) manages and implements the Department of Labor’s (DOL’s) evaluation program (<https://www.dol.gov/asp/evaluation/>). In its work, DOL CEO has drafted guiding policies and compiled resources on a range of evaluation issues, including:

- **Labor Evaluation Policy:** <https://www.dol.gov/asp/evaluation/evaluationpolicy.htm>
This evaluation policy statement presents key principles that govern DOL’s planning, conduct, and use of program evaluations.
- **Public Use Data:** <https://www.dol.gov/asp/evaluation/PublicUseData.htm>
“Public use data” are files prepared by data suppliers with the intent of making them open to the public. On this site, states can find data files compiled through previous evaluations, surveys, programs, and more.

- **Completed Reports:** <https://www.dol.gov/asp/evaluation/CompletedStudies.htm>
This page contains completed reports from DOL-funded programs and evaluations.
- **FY 2020 RESEA State Plan Plain Language Tool:**
<https://rc.workforcegps.org/resources/2019/07/30/17/32/-/media/2493E697DBFE4968BD8D9350763B5D50.ashx> This tool supports states in completing and updating the evidence-based standards and evaluation requirements (elements 28a-28d) of their FY 2020 RESEA state plan.

Other DOL Resources

- **TEGL 06-19:** https://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr_doc.cfm?DOCN=3619
and UIPL 01-20: https://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr_doc.cfm?DOCN=6691 Expectations for States Implementing the RESEA Program Requirements for Conducting Evaluations and Building Program Evidence
- **RESEA: Overview of Evaluation and Evidence Requirements:**
<https://www.workforcegps.org/events/2019/10/22/15/22/RESEA-Overview-of-Evaluation-and-Evidence-Requirements> This webinar is an overview of guidance and expectations regarding implementation of the RESEA program's evaluation and evidence requirements.

Pathways to Work Evidence Clearinghouse

The **Pathways to Work Evidence Clearinghouse** is a comprehensive, transparent, and systematic assessment of the effectiveness of interventions designed to help low-income job seekers succeed in the labor market. More information can be found on the Clearinghouse's homepage at <https://pathwaystowork.acf.hhs.gov/>

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