



Introduction to the RESEA EvalTA Analysis Tip Sheet Series

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Evaluations of the Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) program are integral to implementing effective, evidence-based service delivery strategies to help Unemployment Insurance (UI) claimants find jobs. The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) encourages state agencies to have an independent, experienced third-party evaluator conduct these evaluations.¹

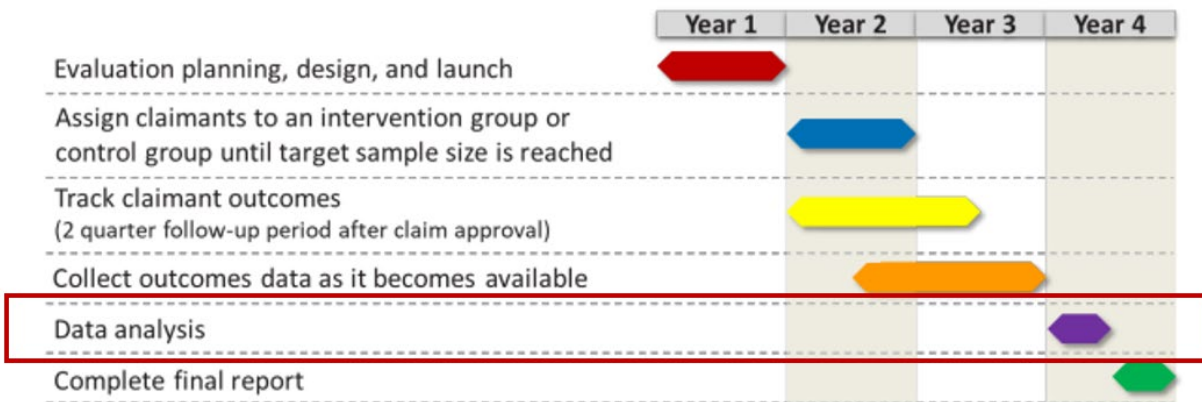
Through evaluation, DOL encourages states to build causal evidence to estimate the impact of an RESEA intervention on claimants' employment and UI benefit duration outcomes. There are several evaluation designs states can use to build causal evidence, which include experimental impact evaluations (or randomized control trials) and quasi-experimental impact evaluations. Additionally, DOL encourages states to build other types of evidence to prepare for or support impact evaluations. For example, through implementation or process evaluations, states can assess the extent to which RESEA has been delivered as intended. To conduct an evaluation, state staff and their evaluator will plan the study, conduct random assignment (if conducting an experimental impact evaluation), and collect data on UI claimants' outcomes. See Exhibit 1 for a typical timeline, specifically for an experimental impact evaluation. Following successful data collection, the evaluator conducts analyses to estimate the impact of the intervention being evaluated.

The RESEA Evaluation Technical Assistance (EvalTA) team is providing the *EvalTA Analysis Tip Sheet Series* to help state RESEA staff work better understand: 1) the main activities an RESEA evaluator will carry out and 2) help staff identify and avoid common analysis pitfalls when working with an evaluator. These Tip Sheets focus specifically on experimental impact evaluations that meet DOL's Clearinghouse for Labor Evaluation and Research (CLEAR) standards and can contribute to the development of ratings for new RESEA interventions, with a focus on the analysis stage of an experimental impact evaluations (the red box in the exhibit).

Through the series, we aim to stimulate conversation between state RESEA agencies and evaluators about conducting rigorous evaluations. The tip sheets are designed to help state RESEA staff understand important analysis topics and identify issues on which they might want to consult with their evaluator. Evaluators also could find them useful in guiding their work.

¹ More information on selecting an evaluator is available on WorkforceGPS, [Procuring and Selecting an Independent Evaluator](#).

Exhibit 1: Typical Timeline for an Experimental Impact Evaluation



Current Tip Sheets:

Tip Sheet # 1: Estimating Impacts When Participants' Random Assignment Status Does Not Match the Services They Received

Tip Sheet #2: Adjust for Varying Randomization Fractions During Analysis

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DOL's RESEA Helpline: RESEA@abtassoc.com

Additional RESEA evaluation technical assistance resources are available here:

https://rc.workforcegps.org/resources/2019/07/30/17/32/RESEA_Evaluation_Evidence_Resources

Study reports, publications, and other materials are available here:

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/oasp/evaluation/completedstudies/RESEA-Evidence-Building-Implementation-Study>

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