

CLEAR

Causal Evidence Ratings Plain Language Tool

Two Types of Evidence Ratings in CLEAR

There are two types of evidence ratings in CLEAR that are relevant to RESEA:

- **Causal Evidence Ratings**

- Pertain to the **study** (not the intervention studied)
- Describe the strength of the methods used and how well the study was carried out
- Reflect CLEAR's level of confidence in the study's estimates of impacts
- Do not change once assigned







- **RESEA Intervention Effectiveness Ratings**

- Pertain to the **intervention** studied (not the study)
- Describe how much causal evidence is available showing that an intervention is effective
- Reflect CLEAR's confidence that the intervention is effective at improving UI and employment outcomes
- Will be assigned by CLEAR following an evidence review, but can change as more evidence is available



There are four types of ratings of RESEA intervention effectiveness. Exhibit 1 illustrates the differences between those four ratings.

Exhibit 1. Comparison of RESEA Intervention Effectiveness Ratings

 HIGH	 MODERATE	 POTENTIALLY PROMISING	 NO RATING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 2 credible* impact studies each have found... • Favorable impacts on employment <u>and</u> UI duration... • With a strong degree of statistical significance ($p < .05$) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 1 credible* impact study has found... • Favorable impacts on employment <u>and</u> (either that same study <u>or</u> another study has found) favorable impacts on UI duration... • With a modest degree of statistical significance ($p < .10$) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 1 impact study (not necessarily credible)... • Found favorable impacts on employment <u>or</u> UI duration... • With a modest degree of statistical significance ($p < .10$) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No impact studies of the intervention exist (yet), or • Impact studies exist, but none show statistically significant favorable impacts on the specified outcomes (...more research is needed)

* "Credible" impact studies are those that received High or Moderate causal evidence ratings.

What is the Clearinghouse for Labor Evaluation and Research (CLEAR)?

- CLEAR’s mission is to make research on labor topics more accessible to practitioners, policymakers, researchers, and the public so that it can inform decisions about labor policies and programs.
- CLEAR conducts systematic evidence reviews of studies (i.e., research and evaluation reports) for different labor “topic areas”.
- All reviews of studies include a summary of study design and findings and a link to original publications.
- Syntheses provide an overall look at the state of the evidence for various topic areas.
- More information about CLEAR is available <https://clear.dol.gov/about>.

For more information about CLEAR’s ratings of RESEA interventions, visit <https://clear.dol.gov/reemployment-services-and-eligibility-assessments-resea> or contact the RESEA Technical Assistance team at resea@abtassoc.com.

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