# **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**

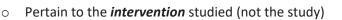






- - Pertain to the *study* (not the intervention studied)
  - Describe the strength of the methods used and how well the study was carried out
  - o Reflect CLEAR's level of confidence in the study's estimates of impacts
  - o Do not change once assigned

### **RESEA Intervention Effectiveness Ratings**











- o 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> <li>At least 2 credible* impact studies each have found</li> <li>Favorable impacts on employment and UI duration</li> <li>With a strong degree of statistical significance (p&lt;.05)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>At least 1 credible* impact study has found</li> <li>Favorable impacts on employment and (either that same study or another study has found) favorable impacts on UI duration</li> <li>With a modest degree of statistical significance (p&lt;.10)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>At least 1 impact study (not necessarily credible)</li> <li>Found favorable impacts on employment or UI duration</li> <li>With a modest degree of statistical significance (p&lt;.10)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No impact studies of the intervention exist (yet), or</li> <li>Impact studies exist, but none show statistically significant favorable impacts on the specified outcomes (more research is needed)</li> </ul>

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;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 <a href="https://clear.dol.gov/about">https://clear.dol.gov/about</a>.

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

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