

Evaluation Peer Learning Cohort (EvalPLC) Timeline and Activities

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Public Webinar: Building Evaluation Capacity through Communities of Practice and Learning Cohorts	7/28/21	60 minutes	Interested State Workforce Agencies, Core Partners, and Local Boards	<p>Purpose: To learn about the available evaluation-related resources in the Evaluation and Research Hub (EvalHub) and technical assistance provided through the Evaluation Peer Learning Cohort (EvalPLC); receive information about self-assessment tools for evaluation readiness, design, and implementation; and hear about the application process, key dates, and expectations for state workforce agency teams to participate in the 2021 EvalPLC.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide an overview of the EvalHub and the technical assistance resources to support states efforts with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act's (WIOA's) evaluation requirements; • Describe the benefits of participating in a peer learning cohort to build or expand evaluation capacity for state workforce agencies and other WIOA core partners; and

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate a discussion about the objectives and expectations, structure, options for capstone activities and the schedule for the 2021 EvalPLC <p>Format: Virtual webinar on WorkforceGPS</p>
Event 1: Establishing an Evaluation Capacity Baseline	10/21/21	90 minutes	State Teams	<p>Purpose: To get acquainted with the 2021 EvalPLC state teams; share insights from their applications; describe what is meant by evaluations; and set cohort expectations.</p> <p>Objectives: Introduce TA team (DOL-ETA, coaches, and project managers) and state teams to learn about their needs and expectations and describe how we plan to help, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation of analysis of state team applications, identifying specific trends; Cover relevant information, research/evaluation requirements; Explain range of what counts as research/evaluation, including examples of recent studies; and Discuss and share how available resources/tools can be used and options for state team capstone project. <p>Format: Virtual meeting with 2021 EvalPLC</p>
Event 2: Designing Evaluations to Drive Change	11/18/21	90 minutes	State teams	<p>Purpose: To present and discuss key elements for evaluation plans and activities that help state teams develop their capstone projects.</p>

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				<p>Objectives: Designing evaluations to drive change from state team activities (final topics TBD)</p> <p><i>This event will be driven by state applications, assessments, and focus on area(s) of expressed interest and/or opportunity for improvement. Likely to include one or more subject matter experts (SMEs).</i></p> <p>Format: Virtual meeting with 2021 EvalPLC</p>
Event 3: Working Session and Team Dialogue	1/13/22	90 minutes	State teams	<p>Purpose: To assess and advance state team progress through a planned dialogue.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address outstanding questions and concerns on evaluation approaches and capstone projects; • Focus on questions/issues raised during the first two EvalPLC events and coaching sessions; and • Gain an understanding of continued needs to inform remaining coaching sessions and EvalPLC session #4. <p>Format: Virtual meeting with 2021 EvalPLC with coach-lead facilitation</p>
Event 4: Evaluation Culture, Awareness, and Strategic Planning	2/24/22	90 minutes	State teams	<p>Purpose: To present and discuss key elements for evaluation plans and activities that help state teams develop their capstone projects.</p> <p>Objectives: Strategic Planning; Evaluation Culture and Awareness (final topics TBD)</p>

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Event 5: State Reflections and Next Steps	3/24/22	90 minutes	State teams	<p>Purpose: To have the state teams present progress updates, showcase their capstone projects, and address lessons learned, progress with identified challenges, next steps and longer-term plans.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlight the state teams' progress with building evaluation capacity; • Hear about lessons learned and identified challenges; and • Present next steps and longer-term plans. <p>Format: Virtual meeting with 2021 EvalPLC; recorded will be posted on the EvalHub in WorkforceGPS</p>