

# Executive Summary

## REA Impact Study Findings and Implications for RESEA Programs and Evaluations

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As a part of Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) Evaluation Technical Assistance effort, this webinar reviewed the REA Impact Study's research design, findings, and implications for states' RESEA programs and evaluations. Ann Astin, RESEA/UI Specialist from the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, and Catherine Lawell, Director of Reemployment Pathways from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, provided insights on their experiences in the REA impact study. Presenters from Abt Associates also answered questions about conducting an impact study and implications of the REA impact study for state-led evaluations of RESEA.

Webinar goals and objectives:

- Review the "REA Impact Study Findings & Implications for RESEA Evaluations" webcast;
- Discuss states' (Wisconsin and Indiana) experiences participating in the REA impact study;
- Answer questions regarding the REA study's findings and implications from the study for states' RESEA evaluations and programs.

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