

CLEAR Desk Reference

Kinds of Information CLEAR Has that Can Help You Use Evidence



Substance: What have studies on a given topic found?



Credibility: How confident can I be in a study's findings?



Applicability: Relative to my resources, needs, and situation: How relevant is the intervention? How similar are the contexts where it has been studied before?

Icons You Will See in CLEAR

Causal Evidence Ratings



High: There is strong evidence that the effects estimated in the study are solely attributable to the intervention being examined.



Moderate: There is evidence that the effects estimated in the study are attributable at least in part to the intervention being examined.



Low: There is little evidence that the effects estimated in the study are attributable to the intervention being examined.

Outcome Findings

These icons characterize findings of an intervention's impact on an outcome, looking across measures of that outcome.

Favorable Impacts

At least 1 favorable impact & no unfavorable impacts



With High/Moderate
Causal Evidence



With Low
Causal Evidence

Mixed Impacts

Some favorable & some unfavorable impacts



With High/Moderate
Causal Evidence



With Low
Causal Evidence

Null Impacts

No statistically significant impacts



With High/Moderate
Causal Evidence



With Low
Causal Evidence

Unfavorable Impacts

At least 1 unfavorable impact & no favorable impacts



With High/Moderate
Causal Evidence



With Low
Causal Evidence

For information about RESEA intervention causal evidence ratings, see the Guidelines for Rating RESEA Intervention Effectiveness.

Places to Find Information: CLEAR's Evidence Resources

Profile Summaries

Detailed information on individual studies includes:

- What intervention was studied
- Where and with what population it was studied
- Research methods used
- Causal evidence rating
- What the study found
- Link to the full-text of studies, when publicly available

Evidence Reviews

Collected research on a topic includes evidence reviews by:

- **Population** (e.g., Low-income Adults, Veterans, Youth)
- **Outcome** (e.g., Literacy, Workplace Safety and Health, Employment, Earnings & Wages)
- **Intervention type** (e.g., Registered Apprenticeship & Work-based Learning, Financial Literacy)

Evidence Syntheses

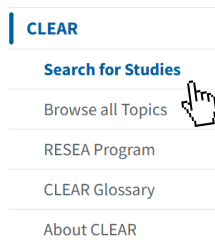
Summaries of findings on studies of a topic:

- **Research syntheses describe:**
 - Interventions that have been studied
 - What studies have found regarding "what works"
 - What gaps remain
- **Research supplements list:**
 - Studies included in the synthesis
 - Causal evidence rating
 - Outcome findings
 - Links to Profile Summaries

How to Find Resources in CLEAR: Go to dol.gov/research-data/clear

Search for Studies and Syntheses

Navigate by using “Search for Studies” in the left menu bar, under “CLEAR.”



Keyword search: Search by using any terms of interest (e.g., author, publication title, program, outcome).

Search All Studies

Filtering: Refine the list of studies by any of the following characteristics of interest:

Year of Publication

Topics

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Study Types

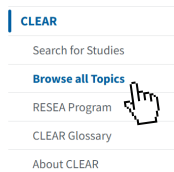
Geographic Settings

Browse Evidence Reviews

Find evidence reviews by topic and on new and trending research.

Topics: Aggregate available research evidence from evidence reviews on a given topic for defined time periods. CLEAR prioritizes reviewing causal impact studies, but may also include other types of research, as described in the review protocol.

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