

CLEAR Resources to Support Decision Making 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.

Effectiveness Findings

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



Favorable

At least 1 favorable impact & no unfavorable impacts



Mixed

Some favorable & some unfavorable impacts



None

No statistically significant impacts



Unfavorable

At least 1 unfavorable impact & no favorable impacts

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, Older Workers)
- **Outcome** (e.g., Literacy, Disability Employment Policy, Worker Health and Safety)
- **Intervention type** (e.g., Apprenticeship & Work-based Training, Remote Service Delivery Strategies)

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
- Effectiveness findings
- Links to Profile Summaries

How to Find Resources in CLEAR - go to <https://clear.dol.gov>

Search for Studies and Syntheses

Navigate by using "SEARCH FOR STUDIES" in the menu bar



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

Search By

Contains all of these words ⌵

Enter keywords

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

Year of Publication

Between

And

Refine By

- OUTCOMES** ⌵ ?
- TARGET POPULATION** ⌵ ?
- FIRM CHARACTERISTICS** ⌵ ?
- GEOGRAPHIC SETTING** ⌵ ?
- STUDY TYPE** ⌵ ?
- EVIDENCE RATING** ⌵ ?

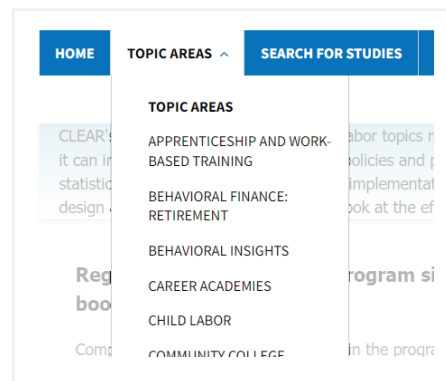
Browse Evidence Reviews

Find evidence reviews by topic or rapid evidence reviews on new and trending research

Topic Areas: Aggregate available evidence from reviews on a given topic for defined time periods. CLEAR prioritizes inclusion of causal impact studies but may also include many other types of research.



Clicking "TOPIC AREAS" in the menu bar provides a drop-down list of topic areas.



Rapid Reviews: Reviews of evidence on trends or emerging strategies in research related to pressing labor issues, such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

Click on "NEW AND TRENDING RESEARCH", then "TRENDING RESEARCH" in the drop-down menu.



Trending Research includes reviews on topics such as:

- Worker health and safety during COVID-19
- Remote service delivery strategies
- Remote post-secondary education