

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT NOTICE	NO . 03-22
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TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES
STATE WORKFORCE LIAISONS

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SUBJECT: Publication of Multiple Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessments (RESEA) Reports and Briefs

1. **Purpose.** To announce the publication of multiple RESEA reports and briefs providing information about state implementation of the permanently authorized RESEA program, provision of RESEA services during the COVID-19 pandemic, component-level evidence for reemployment services, and options to consider for future evidence building.
2. **Action Requested.** The U.S. Department of Labor’s (Department) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) requests that State Workforce Agency Administrators provide information contained in this Training and Employment Notice (TEN) to appropriate staff.
3. **Summary and Background.**
 - a. Summary – To announce the publication of four RESEA resources, including final reports and issue briefs, intended to provide information about RESEA activities and help inform state decision-makers with their RESEA program design and ongoing or planned evaluation activities. Much of the information contained in these resources is based on three nationwide surveys of RESEA administrators that was conducted both prior to and during the COVID-19 pandemic. Using evidence to develop strategic service delivery for the RESEA program supports the RESEA program’s broader mission of improving employment outcomes for Unemployment Insurance (UI) recipients and strengthening program integrity. These resources may also provide beneficial information and insights for the broader public workforce system.

ETA and the Department’s Chief Evaluation Office (CEO) jointly supported the development of these resources and the final reports and made them available to the public on both the “RESEA Landing Page” on WorkforceGPS’s Reemployment Connections Resource page (<https://rc.workforcegps.org/resources/RESEA>) and the CEO’s website (<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/oasp/evaluation/completedstudies/RESEA-Evidence-Building-Implementation-Study>).

- b. Background –The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, Public Law 115-123, was enacted on February 9, 2018 and amended the Social Security Act (SSA) to create a permanent authorization for the RESEA program. The permanently authorized RESEA program provides a number of new requirements including a series of provisions intended to promote the adoption of evidence-based practices within state RESEA programs. The CEO partnered with ETA and funded contractor Abt Associates to conduct the *RESEA Evidence Building and Implementation Study*. This study and its components, described below, serve as a reliable resource for decision-makers to understand and weigh options for developing evidence and informing service delivery strategies relevant to their RESEA program.

4. **New Evaluation Reports and Briefs.**

1. **RESEA Program Strategies: State and Local Implementation** – This report is the capstone product of the *RESEA Evidence Building and Implementation Study*. This implementation report shares an overview of the program and summarizes key findings about the types and packages of services provided, common program components, participant characteristics, differences between states’ programs, program strategies and populations served, unique or innovative strategies, anticipated changes that states plan to make to their programs, issues and challenges faced by states as they implement and operate their programs, program challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, and states’ views on evidence-based requirements as they prepare to meet these requirements. The report is available at <https://wdr.doleta.gov/research/details.cfm?q=&id=2708>.
2. **Serving Unemployment Assistance Claimants During a Public Health Crisis: The RESEA Program and the COVID-19 Pandemic** – This brief explores how the pandemic affected the RESEA program, including how states changed service delivery strategies to maintain or restore program operations, and the extent to which those changes could continue post-pandemic. The brief is available at <https://wdr.doleta.gov/research/details.cfm?q=&id=2712>.
3. **Reemployment Services Evidence: A Collection of Briefs on RESEA Program Components** – These three briefs summarize the state of the evidence for the RESEA program, including identification of the program components, evaluations of the program components, and the implications of evaluating program components. These briefs are available at <https://wdr.doleta.gov/research/details.cfm?q=&id=2713>.
4. **Options for Building Evidence on RESEA Programs** – This report discusses both short- and long-term evaluation options, describes potential challenges, and discusses implications for both states conducting evaluations and the Department. A wide range of short-term evaluation options are presented to show how states could demonstrate whether their own RESEA program or a generic RESEA program is evidence-based. The report is available at <https://wdr.doleta.gov/research/details.cfm?q=&id=2711>.

5. **Inquiries.** Please direct inquiries to the appropriate ETA Regional Office.

6. References.

- Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-123;
- Sections 303(j) and 306 of the SSA.

7. Attachments. N/A.