



CALL FOR PAPERS
PATHWAYS TO WORK EVIDENCE CLEARINGHOUSE
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Background

Mathematica is seeking completed research papers or articles examining the effectiveness of programs or strategies whose primary aim is to improve employment outcomes for low-income workers. This Call for Papers is part of an effort to comprehensively identify research for a review that Mathematica is conducting for the Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, as part of the Pathways to Work Evidence Clearinghouse (The What Works Clearinghouse of Proven and Promising Approaches to Move Welfare Recipients to Work). We are particularly interested in unpublished manuscripts (past or recent), conference papers, and forthcoming articles that are not included in existing research syntheses or databases. Please feel free to forward this call to other researchers, practitioners, or organizations that may have relevant studies.

Purpose

The purpose of this review is to provide practitioners, policymakers, researchers, and the general public with a transparent and systematic assessment of the effectiveness of interventions for improving the employment-related outcomes of low-income individuals. Reviewers will assess the strength of the evidence of individual studies, rate and categorize the evidence of effectiveness for the projects studied, and share results on a publicly available website with a searchable database of findings.

Eligibility

Papers submitted in response to this call should:

- Use a quantitative approach to examine the effectiveness of an intervention with an aim of improving the employment-related outcomes of low-income workers.
 - Studies may examine specific services or interventions that combine services. Examples of specific services include but are not limited to: job search assistance, work experience, job training, work supports, and career pathways.
 - Examples of employment-related outcomes include but are not limited to: becoming employed, being employed, maintaining employment, occupational advancement,

employment with benefits, income, earnings, education, receipt of training, and public assistance receipt.

- Examine an intervention serving individuals ages 16 and older. Programs may also serve individuals younger than age 16, but must include individuals 16 and older as well.
- Have been prepared or published in 1990 or later.
- Examine a strategy or program conducted in the United States or Canada (research set in the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and other, high-income countries may be considered in future years).

If accompanying implementation studies are available, call respondents are invited to submit those as well. Standalone implementation studies of an intervention for which no effectiveness study is available will not be included in the review.

Submission instructions

Submissions should include the following:

- The study in MS Word or PDF format. Please include papers even if available online—for example, those on university or program web sites.
- A cover e-mail noting contact information for the lead or corresponding author.

Submissions will be added to the Clearinghouse's database of studies, along with studies obtained through a broad literature search. The Clearinghouse will screen all studies for relevance, and will review all eligible studies. Files may be sent to: PathwaysClearinghouse@mathematica-mpr.com. The deadline for submissions is July 3. Respondents will be notified that we received their submission, but the notice will not indicate whether the paper might be included in the Clearinghouse database or the results of the review.