Using a Learning Agenda Approach to Develop an Evidence Portfolio

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Overview

- About the Chief Evaluation Office at DOL
- Learning agendas with DOL agencies
- Department priorities and evaluation plan
- Implementing the plan
- Timeline
DOL’s Chief Evaluation Office

- Established in 2010 to coordinate, manage, and implement the DOL's evaluation program.
- Independent evaluation office, located organizationally in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy.
- Works closely with all offices and agencies throughout DOL to develop and implement evaluations that address priorities set by the Secretary and the agencies.
Agency Learning Agendas

- Five-year learning agenda with each operating agency in DOL
- Updated every year
- Highlight priority questions that the agencies would like to address
- Help to plan, build, and use a body of evidence (performance, implementation, impact, etc.)
- Help to establish and strengthen a partnership of learning between the Chief Evaluation Office and agencies and programs
DOL Evaluation Plan

- Strategic and Secretarial Priorities
- Agency Learning Agendas
- Congressional Requirements

Evaluation Plan
Implementing the Plan

- CEO program evaluation team
- CEO data analytics team
- DOL performance team
- Agency program and evaluation staff
- Contracts with external independent evaluators
- Grant with academics and other independent evaluators
Implementing the Plan

**Evaluation Projects:**
- Measure development, design work
- Statistical analysis and surveys
- Implementation analysis, feasibility studies, exploratory studies, systems change
- Literature reviews, evidence reviews, meta-analysis
- Outcome and Impact evaluations—experimental and non-experimental; behavioral insights/behavioral economics

**Capacity Development:**
- Data quality and access
- Program staff capacity
- Dissemination
- Scholars program
- Cross-agency evidence groups
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