

# EVALUATION PEER LEARNING COHORT (EvalPLC)

## WHAT IS THE EVALUATION PEER LEARNING COHORT?

The Evaluation Peer Learning Cohort (EvalPLC) is an interactive technical assistance forum and comprised of cross-agency representatives from four to six states. State teams who represent core WIOA programs will collaborate and develop evaluation action plans designed to conduct and implement state and/or local research and evaluations. Participants will:

- Learn from experienced evaluators, state and national subject matter experts (SMEs), and each other as they develop an evaluation plan.
- Use the [Evaluation Toolkit: Key Elements for State Workforce Agencies](#) and two evaluation assessment tools to build evaluation capacity, the
  - [Evaluation Readiness Assessment](#) - designed to help assess the degree to which your state is ready to implement research evaluation activities and projects; and
  - [Evaluation Design Assessment](#) - developed to support states in designing a plan for evaluation.
- The EvalPLC will also exchange ideas to support the creation of other evaluation tools and resources to enhance evaluation capacity for workforce system.

## WHAT WILL THE EVALPLC ACTIVITIES INCLUDE?

- Virtual meetings that provide State Teams space to focus on using research and evidence to develop evaluations;
- Support to identify your state's readiness for conducting an evaluation;
- Information to identify evaluation questions and develop an evaluation action plan;
- Expert coaching assistance throughout the EvalPLC sessions to improve evaluation capacity during the meetings;

- Involvement with a small, committed group of peers sharing experiences, to consider challenges and opportunities, learn from each other, and shape your resources and future investments to conduct evaluations in your states.

### **WHAT IS THE EVALPLC TIMELINE?**

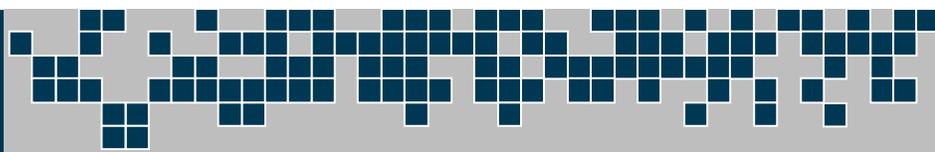
Over the course of 14 weeks, the EvalPLC will use virtual 90-minute work sessions to build knowledge, facilitate peer learning, and develop specific action steps as part of a plan to conduct core WIOA program evaluations.

### **WHAT ARE PARTICIPATING STATES EXPECTED TO DO?**

States will form a small team of 4-6 individuals from WIOA Titles I & III programs—adult, dislocated worker, youth, Wagner-Peyser Employment Services—and other WIOA partner programs of the state’s choice. State Teams may involve additional state and local colleagues to contribute to relevant session action items and in-state working sessions. At least one person on the team should be working on the state level to serve as the lead of the team.

### **WHAT ARE STATE TEAM MEMBERS EXPECTED TO DO?**

- Develop an action plan that includes evaluations and research projects on activities under WIOA core programs;
- Describe how research and evaluations will be coordinated with, and designed in conjunction with, State and local boards and with State agencies responsible for the core programs;
- Share how research and evaluations will be coordinated with the evaluations provided for by the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education under WIOA; and
- Provide feedback on the PLC’s evaluation activities and Evaluation and Research Hub (EvalHub) resources.



## HOW CAN MY STATE PARTICIPATE?

All states are invited to apply to participate. States that are engaged in any or all stages of evaluation planning activities are encouraged to apply. Up to six states will be invited to be part of the EvalPLC.

The following criteria will be used to help identify the EvalPLC state participants:

- Geographic diversity and state size/population density;
- Presence of state decision-makers on the team; and
- Representation of WIOA leaders at the local and state levels and from partner programs

## SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

[Apply Here](#)

**Updated Deadline:  
Applications Due  
November 8, 2019**

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*If you have questions or need additional information or assistance regarding the Peer Learning Cohort, please contact [EvalPLC@safalpartners.com](mailto:EvalPLC@safalpartners.com)*