

WDQI Monthly Resources: January

1. The Power of Evidence to Drive America's Progress - Celebrating 5 Years of the Evidence Act

Join Results for America on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, from 1-2 pm ET for a virtual event discussing the federal government's advancements in evidence-based policymaking. The event will unveil a new report by Harvard University Professor Dr. Ciocca Eller on federal efforts in this area. Commemorating the 5-year anniversary of the Evidence Act, the event will feature U.S. Senator Patty Murray and former U.S. House Speaker Paul Ryan, the legislation's authors. Additionally, insights will be shared by Shalanda Young, Director of the White House Office of Management and Budget, and other federal leaders on utilizing evidence and data to enhance outcomes. Members of the bipartisan Congressional What Works Caucus will also discuss integrating data and evidence into the legislative process.

- [ESRA Comment Letter Discussion](#)
- [WIOA Comment Letter Discussion](#)

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2. Federal Invest in What Works Learning Series - Stakeholder Engagement for Evidence Building

On December 12, 2023, Results for America and the Data Foundation collaborated to present a virtual session of the Federal Invest in What Works Learning Series on Stakeholder Engagement for Evidence Building. The session focused on imparting recommended strategies for engaging diverse stakeholders, drawing from the Data Foundation's Stakeholder Engagement Toolkit. Participants explored examples of effective engagement practices and learned how improved engagement contributes to the development of more robust learning agendas. Geared towards federal agency team members, this session aimed to equip them with valuable insights for meaningfully involving stakeholders in policy and program decisions.

Click [here](#) to watch virtual session.

3. Governments can maximize the impact of their funds with data and evidence

The Results for America Workforce Evidence-Based Spending Guide is created to assist state and local government workforce development professionals in leveraging evidence for improved and more equitable outcomes in grantmaking, purchasing, and procurement. The guide outlines five strategies to enhance contracting and grantmaking processes, emphasizing outcomes beyond mere compliance. It encourages a shift towards supporting partners in achieving quality outcomes while advancing diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) goals. The aim is to guide professionals in building and utilizing evidence for more effective decision-making in workforce development initiatives.

Click [here](#) to learn more.

4. State-level Digital Transformation Policy Scan

Delve into executive orders, legislation, and administrative rules and guidance that influence government digital transformation across states and territories. Utilize Digital Service Network's comprehensive database and visualization tools to gain valuable insights into the evolving landscape of digital transformation policies at the state level.

Click [here](#) to learn more.

5. How Digitization Can Make Government More Equitable

GovTech explores the ways in which digitization can contribute to enhancing equity within government operations. It likely discusses strategies, technologies, and case studies demonstrating how digital tools and processes can promote fairness and inclusivity in various government initiatives.

Click [here](#) to learn more.

6. Good Tech Fest – Apply to Speak

Good Tech Fest is a global virtual conference focusing on the responsible use of emerging technologies for impact. Whether it's AI, web3, machine learning, or mobile and application development, the event provides a platform for practitioners to share insights on using these technologies for social impact. Good Tech Fest encourages applications from social impact leaders using data and technology, with a commitment to accepting applications on a rolling basis. If you're actively involved in leveraging technology for positive social change, consider applying to speak at this practitioner-driven conference.

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7. 2024 Workforce Outlook: An Emphasis on Growth

Camille Fetter on Forbes discusses the changing dynamics of the working world as 2023 concludes and 2024 approaches. It notes a steady growth in the job market, an economy resembling pre-pandemic conditions, and increased confidence in avoiding a recession. Companies are now redirecting their focus to profitability and growth, with improved cash flow enabling them to invest in hiring for expansion and meeting the evolving needs of the modern workforce. The article provides tips on creating an effective hiring strategy in the last months of 2023 to ensure success in 2024.

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8. Expanding How We Understand Youth Well-Being

Hosted by the Urban Institute focusing on adolescence and young adulthood, critical life stages requiring comprehensive support for healthy development. This event is tailored for individuals in the youth field, including policymakers, funders, researchers, and practitioners. The webinar will introduce domains of youth well-being featured in new products, urging the field to refine how it defines and measures these domains. The session will provide insights and guidelines for conceptualizing and measuring well-being for young people. Juan D. Martinez Pineda from The Aspen Institute will join Urban researchers to



discuss a youth-led participatory action project aimed at defining and measuring youth well-being. The conversation will emphasize the importance of youth engagement and the central role of culture in developing well-being metrics. The event is scheduled for January 25 at 3 pm EST.

Click [here](#) to register.

9. Worker Voices Special Brief: Pursing Advancement through Personal Investment

The Worker Voices Project, initiated by the Federal Reserve System in 2022, is a research study designed to amplify the voices of workers without four-year degrees during the COVID-19 pandemic. Conducted through 20 focus groups with workers and job seekers from May to September 2022, the study offers a nuanced insight into the experiences of workers amidst the rapidly changing dynamics of the labor market.

Click [here](#) to learn more.

10. SLDS Webinar: Regional Collaboratives and Interstate Data Sharing

The September 2023 webinar focuses on the efforts of states in utilizing their State Longitudinal Data Systems (SLDS) to examine postsecondary and workforce outcomes across state borders. Representatives from New Jersey, Kentucky, and Illinois share insights into the benefits and governance of multi-state collaboration. The discussion includes examples of reports generated through these collaborative efforts. Accompanied by a summary brief.

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11. 8 Takeaways from the Education Department's Chief Economist

Goldie Blumenstyk highlights key insights from the Education Department's Chief Economist. These takeaways likely cover significant points related to education policy, economic trends, and the role of the Education Department in shaping educational outcomes. The article aims to distill and present essential information provided by the Chief Economist for the reader's understanding and consideration.

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12. Unlocking Economic Prosperity: Career Navigation in a Time of Rapid Change

The recently published article, "Unlocking Economic Prosperity: Career Navigation in a Time of Rapid Change," presents groundbreaking research conducted by the Project on Workforce and the National Fund for Workforce Solutions. This research establishes an evidence-based and field-informed agenda for the development of a 21st-century career navigation ecosystem. The article delves into the examination of both evidence and practices related to career navigation, aiming to foster a more equitable environment. Drawing insights from an extensive literature review and consultations with experts and frontline workers, the study identifies key drivers of career navigation success. It further outlines essential design principles and provides recommendations for shaping the future of career navigation.



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13. Ranking the Best Companies for Career Growth

The Wall Street Journal's article on "Ranking the Best Companies for Career Growth" analyzes and evaluates various companies to identify those that offer optimal opportunities for professional advancement. The piece likely assesses factors such as internal mobility, training programs, and promotion opportunities. It aims to provide readers with insights into the corporate landscape, helping them make informed decisions about their career paths based on the growth potential offered by different companies.

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14. Japan Airlines' great evacuation is no miracle—it's a product of training

A reminder of what's at stake in workforce development. During a recent incident at Tokyo's Haneda Airport involving a collision and fire between a Japan Airlines (JAL) plane and a coast guard aircraft, all 367 passengers and 12 crew members on JAL flight 516 successfully evacuated within 90 seconds, showcasing the effectiveness of the airline's safety protocols. Despite a damaged public address system, flight attendants utilized megaphones to guide passengers to three selected emergency exits on the eight exits available. Notably, passengers refrained from attempting to retrieve carry-on luggage, contributing to the efficiency of the evacuation. JAL's detailed pre-flight safety video, illustrating correct evacuation procedures, is credited for fostering obedient passenger behavior and has earned the airline high safety ratings.

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