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Welcome to Round 9 of WDQI!

The U.S. Department of Labor's Workforce Data Quality Initiative (WDQI) provides grants to help states develop longitudinal data systems (LDS). These systems link workforce and education data over time, enabling workforce leaders to analyze program effectiveness, create tools for skill development, and support career advancement. We look forward to working with you on the official round 9 of the WDQI grant!

Baseline Virtual Site Visits

The WDQI TA Team is working with your FPO to ensure that we are here to provide technical assistance and support that may be beneficial to accomplish your grant goals. To this end, we will be scheduling your baseline virtual site visit to discuss your goals, progress, and support you may need. We anticipate that this Teams site visit call will take about 60 minutes. Emails have been sent requesting to schedule these virtual site visits. If you have not already responded, please do so with a day and time that works best for your team. We look forward to meeting with you!

Important Resources & Dates to Remember

WDQI Map

WFGS WDQI Community of Practice

Next reporting deadline is 11/15/24 for the Quarterly Reporting Period of July 1 - September 30, 2024.

The first WDQI Round 9 quarterly webinar will be held on Thursday, December 12th at 2pm ET and will focus on showcasing what each grantee's goals are for the grant period.

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September 2024 Quarterly Webinar

The September quarterly webinar for WDQI Round 8 & 9 Grantees was held on Thursday, September 19th. The webinar was facilitated by Toquir Ahmed, this concluding session showcased presentations from all Round 8 WDQI grantees. Each grantee highlighted their key accomplishments, sharing insights into how they utilized their grants to advance workforce data initiatives. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn from their experiences and celebrate the progress made throughout the grant period. The webinar can be found on WFGPS at the following link: https://wdqi.workforcegps.org/resources/2024/09/26/23/23/WDQI-Web-Convening-9-19-24

What do we mean when we say "Rural"?

We wanted to share an article published by We All Count entitled, "What do we mean when we say "Rural"?". The article discusses the complexity of defining "rural" and its implications for data analysis, highlighting that different organizations—such as the OECD, U.S. Census Bureau, and USDA—each use unique definitions based on population density, geography, and community perception. The importance of choosing definitions that align with project goals, as these impact data relevance, equity, and understanding of community identity is also emphasized. The piece also touches on new methodologies for analyzing rurality.

We encourage you to check out the full publication on the We All Count website. It can be found via the following link: https://us3.campaign-archive.com/?u=32c6890b309d8d9982cb17d2f&id=a14519de2f

NCES is accepting proposals for the Data Users Conference. Proposals are due December 1st. Click the following link to learn more on the Institute of Education Sciences website: https://ies.ed.gov/whatsnew/conferences/?id=15747