



Guide to Comparing Clearinghouses for Evidence-Based Programs

There are many different clearinghouses available for identifying evidence-based programs. The CEBC encourages agencies to access information from multiple sources so that they are confident in their ability to meet the needs of their client population and their organization; however, understanding the differences and similarities between the various clearinghouses can be confusing. The purpose of this document is to provide a simple summary of the key distinctions between clearinghouses for evidence-based programs.

Name & Website	Description	Program Ratings
Best Evidence Encyclopedia www.bestevidence.org	Information on a variety of programs that are available for students in grades K-12	Programs are rated on the following scale: (1) <i>Strong Evidence of Effectiveness</i> , (2) <i>Moderate Evidence of Effectiveness</i> , (3) <i>Limited Evidence of Effectiveness: Strong Evidence of Modest Effects</i> , (4) <i>Limited Evidence of Effectiveness: Weak Evidence with Notable Effects</i> http://www.bestevidence.org/aboutbee.htm
Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development* www.blueprintsprograms.com	Programs with the ultimate goal to reduce antisocial behavior and promote a healthy course of youth development	Programs are rated as either <i>Promising</i> or <i>Model</i> . Promising programs meet the minimum standard of effectiveness. Model programs meet a higher standard. http://www.blueprintsprograms.com/criteria
California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse (CEBC)* www.cebc4cw.org	Information on a wide variety of programs relevant to child welfare and other family- and child-serving organizations	Programs are rated by their published peer-reviewed research studies on the following scale: (1) <i>Well-Supported by Research Evidence</i> , (2) <i>Supported by Research Evidence</i> , (3) <i>Promising Research Evidence</i> , (4) <i>Evidence Fails to Demonstrate Effect</i> , (5) <i>Concerning Practice</i> , (NR) <i>Not able to be Rated</i> http://www.cebc4cw.org/ratings/scientific-rating-scale/
Child Trends' What Works www.childtrends.org/what-works	Programs that target child or youth outcomes related to education; life skills; and social/emotional, mental, physical, behavioral, or reproductive health	Does not rate programs. Includes programs with at least one randomized control trial, results based on intent-to-treat analysis are reported, response rate is at least 50%, and results meet the 0.05 level of significance. Does not require research studies to be published in a peer-reviewed journal. https://www.childtrends.org/what-works/eligibility-criteria/
Clearinghouse for Military Family Readiness www.militaryfamilies.psu.edu	Programs that aim to bolster military family readiness, resilience, and well-being	Programs are rated by their published peer-reviewed research studies on the following scale: <i>Effective</i> , <i>Promising</i> , <i>Unclear</i> , <i>Ineffective</i> http://militaryfamilies.psu.edu/understanding-placement-process
The Community Guide www.thecommunityguide.org	Information on public health community preventive services, programs, and policies	Conducts systematic reviews on individual to issue recommendations and findings. Categorizes programs as: <i>Recommended</i> , <i>Recommended Against</i> , <i>Insufficient Evidence</i> https://www.thecommunityguide.org/about/our-methodology

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Crime Solutions* www.crimesolutions.gov	Practices and programs for achieving criminal justice related outcomes	Reviews peer-reviewed articles or evaluation reports. Program evidence rating includes: <i>Effective, Promising, No Effect</i> https://www.crimesolutions.gov/about.aspx
Model Programs Guide www.ojjdp.gov/mpg	Information on juvenile justice and youth prevention, intervention, and reentry programs	Uses the same program review process, scoring, and ratings as CrimeSolutions.gov https://www.ojjdp.gov/mpg/Home/About#mpg
Social Programs That Work* http://evidencebasedprograms.org	Information on a wide range of social programs (Formerly the Coalition for Evidence-Based Policy - www.toptierevidence.org has been archived)	Conducts a systematic review process, with an external expert panel, to rate interventions as one of the following: <i>Top Tier, Near Top Tier, Suggestive Tier</i> http://evidencebasedprograms.org/about-us/
Teen Pregnancy Prevention Evidence Review https://tppevidencereview.aspe.hhs.gov	Information on programs with evidence of effectiveness in reducing teen pregnancy, sexual transmitted infections, and associated sexual risk behaviors	Each program outcome domain (e.g., pregnancies, STIs or HIV, contraceptive use, etc.) is classified into one of the following ratings: (1) Positive impacts, (2) Mixed impacts, (3) Indeterminate impacts, (4) Negative impacts https://tppevidencereview.aspe.hhs.gov/ReviewProtocol.aspx
What Works Clearinghouse* https://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc	Programs and practices that improve educational outcomes	Programs are rated by their published and unpublished literature and given one of the following classifications: <i>Meets evidence standards without reservations, Meets with reservations, Does not meet evidence standard</i> https://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/WhatWeDo
What Works in Reentry Clearinghouse* https://whatworks.csgjusticecenter.org	Criminal justice topic areas relevant to community reentry	Programs rated by outcomes in three areas (recidivism, employment, and substance abuse) on the following scale: <i>Strong Beneficial Evidence, Modest Beneficial Evidence, No Evidence of Effect, Modest Harmful Evidence, Strong Harmful Evidence</i> https://whatworks.csgjusticecenter.org/about

*This clearinghouse is included in the Results First Clearinghouse which is a database that contains information from eight distinct clearinghouses and is located at <http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/multimedia/data-visualizations/2015/results-first-clearinghouse-database>. The two remaining clearinghouses within the Results First Clearinghouse, The Promising Practices Network and the National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs & Practices (NREPP), are not listed in the above table due to both projects ending. Both of these websites are archived and remain publicly available at www.promisingpractices.net and <https://www.samhsa.gov/nrepp>, respectively.



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