

What Works Clearinghouse Statistics, Website, and Training Memorandum

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Subject: Final Summary for July 21, 2021 Webinar – Updates to the Version 4.1 Online Study Review Guide

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Institute of Education Sciences Contracting Officer’s Representatives with the final summary for the What Works Clearinghouse (WWC) webinar “Reviewing Studies for the What Works Clearinghouse,” hosted on July 21, 2021.

The WWC team is also sending the following files for COR review. The following archiving materials will be used to share the recording and related materials through the WWC website:

- Recording video file
- Caption file
- Keywords and description for the recording
- Section 508-compliant PDF of the slides
- Compiled answers to the attendee questions (will be turned into a Section 508-compliant PDF after IES approval)

Summary

This What Works Clearinghouse (WWC) webinar discussed processes for screening, reviewing, and reconciling WWC studies using the Online Study Review Guide (OSRG). During the webinar, the presenters provided live demonstrations of screening and reviewing studies in the OSRG. The presenters then highlighted the steps that happen after a study is reviewed, including reconciliation, publication to the WWC website, and peer review for Intervention Reports and Practice Guides. Presenters also discussed best practices for entering accurate and complete review data.

The webinar was broadcast live on July 21, 2021. The webinar and archiving materials will be posted on the WWC website and shared with webinar registrants. In total, 107 participants attended the webinar for an average of 42 minutes (the webinar was approximately 60 minutes long).

The anticipated goals for the event and a summary of the webinar content are presented below.

- **Describe the WWC process for reviewing studies, including screening, initial review, reconciliation, and/or publishing a study to the WWC website.** Herb Turner, Ph.D., principal scientist at ANALYTICA, provided context for OSRG reviews including the history of the WWC Standards and Procedures, an introduction to the OSRG's functionality, and an overview of the OSRG User Guide, Version 4.1. Amy Feygin, Ph.D., senior researcher at the American Institutes for Research (AIR), discussed how WWC certified reviewers can access the OSRG and provided a live demonstration of the OSRG screening process. Dr. Turner then provided a live demonstration of the process for reviewing studies in the OSRG. Following the live demonstrations, Drs. Turner and Feygin discussed the steps that happen after a review is completed, including reconciliation and publishing.
- **Provide guidance for certified reviewers to inform complete and accurate study reviews.** Dr. Feygin discussed several practices that WWC certified reviewers should use to ensure OSRG data quality and accuracy. For example, Dr. Feygin highlighted the process to search for existing studies in the OSRG before adding a new study. By searching for existing studies, users will avoid inadvertently adding duplicate studies. Dr. Feygin also shared tips for double-checking entered data; for example, carefully reviewing demographic percentages. Laura Michaelson, senior researcher at AIR, moderated a question and answer session with Drs. Turner and Feygin. During the Q&A session, the presenters discussed additional guidance for reviewing studies in the OSRG.

A full-length webinar recording, a Section 508-compliant PDF of the slides, and a PDF containing responses to attendee questions are resulting products from the event.