Can you provide data to track your program’s impact?

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Are you able to measure the results of your program?

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Do you want to improve upon something you are doing but aren’t sure how to approach it?

If you’ve been quietly asking yourself (or others have been asking you) these questions, then you will be pleased to learn there are experts at the Clearinghouse who can help. In fact, we’ve evaluated more than 1,100 programs to date!

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The Clearinghouse for Military Family Readiness evaluation team uses sound scientific practices to evaluate programs designed to support our military families. We examine each program using methods grounded in science and evidence.

Informed by decades of research in a number of diverse fields (including psychology, human development, family studies, social work, and military psychology), our team conducts a rigorous review process of your program and uses our Continuum of Evidence to determine whether your program is placed as:

- **Effective**
- **Promising**
- **Unclear**
- **Ineffective**

**WHAT IS AN EFFECTIVE PROGRAM?**

To qualify for placement of Effective, a program must have positive results from an evaluation using a randomized, controlled trial design, or a well-matched quasi-experimental design. The evaluation must demonstrate scientifically significant positive outcomes sustained for at least one year beyond program completion. Results must also be demonstrated in at least one other study conducted by researchers not involved with the original successful study. In other words, there must be independent confirmation of positive program outcomes.

**HOW DO WE DETERMINE EFFECTIVENESS?**

To place programs on our Continuum of Evidence, our evaluation team conducts a rigorous review of literature. This means we ensure scientific rigor by looking at evaluations published in peer-reviewed journals, not just information provided by the program developer. We look at data and statistics, and make recommendations on areas such as process and design—all to make sure programs result in the desired outcomes that have a lasting, positive impact on the audience.

**ASSESSING IMPACT AND VALUE**

Our military partners regularly face considerable budgetary pressure. The need for accountability—demonstrating the value of programs and practices in clear terms—is essential to the mission. Programs placed as effective are more likely to have larger impacts for military families.

Our evaluation team at the Clearinghouse is here to help you determine whether your program is having the desired impact on the military families in your care.