

## **Overview and Context**

- **The Analytical Perspectives, Budget of the United States Government**  
Fiscal Year 2017, Chapter 7, Building the Capacity to Produce and Use Evidence.  
[https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/budget/fy2017/assets/ap\\_7\\_evidence.pdf](https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/budget/fy2017/assets/ap_7_evidence.pdf)

## **Evaluation Policies from Federal Agencies**

- **Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Evaluation Policy.**  
Published in the *Federal Register* on August 29, 2014.  
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/opre/resource/acf-evaluation-policy>
- **U.S. Department of Labor Evaluation Policy.**  
Chief Evaluation Office, November 2013. <http://www.dol.gov/asp/evaluation/EvaluationPolicy.htm>
- **U.S. Department of State Evaluation Policy.**  
Released by the Bureau of Budget and Planning and the Office of U.S. Foreign Assistance Resources on January 29, 2015. <http://www.state.gov/s/d/rm/rls/evaluation/2015/236970.htm>

## **Policies and Practices Guiding Evaluation and Reporting**

- **Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002:** <http://ies.ed.gov/pdf/PL107-279.pdf>  
See in particular: Title I, Part E, Sec. 186, reproduced below:

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## **Non-Federal Documents**

- **American Evaluation Association Guiding Principles for Evaluators.**  
<http://www.eval.org/p/cm/ld/fid=51>