

RESEA

REEMPLOYMENT SERVICES AND ELIGIBILITY
ASSESSMENT



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RESEA Program

- What is it?
- Program Specifics
- Selection Process
- Overall Stats
- RESEA Evaluation



Re-Employment Services & Eligibility Assessment (RESEA)

- Connects Unemployment Insurance claimants with reemployment services at Job Service Montana
 - Appointments conducted virtually
 - Team of 19, at 12 different JS offices
- Participants:
 - Every week, 124 new claimants are referred to the program
 - Note: all military claimants are referred on top of the 124
 - RESEA targets claimants more likely to exhaust their UI benefits
- Participation in the RESEA program is required for continued eligibility for UI.
 - Failure to attend will cause an “issue” on a claim, halt benefits
- Program funded around \$850,000 per year

<https://wsd.dli.mt.gov/resea>

What happens at an appointment?

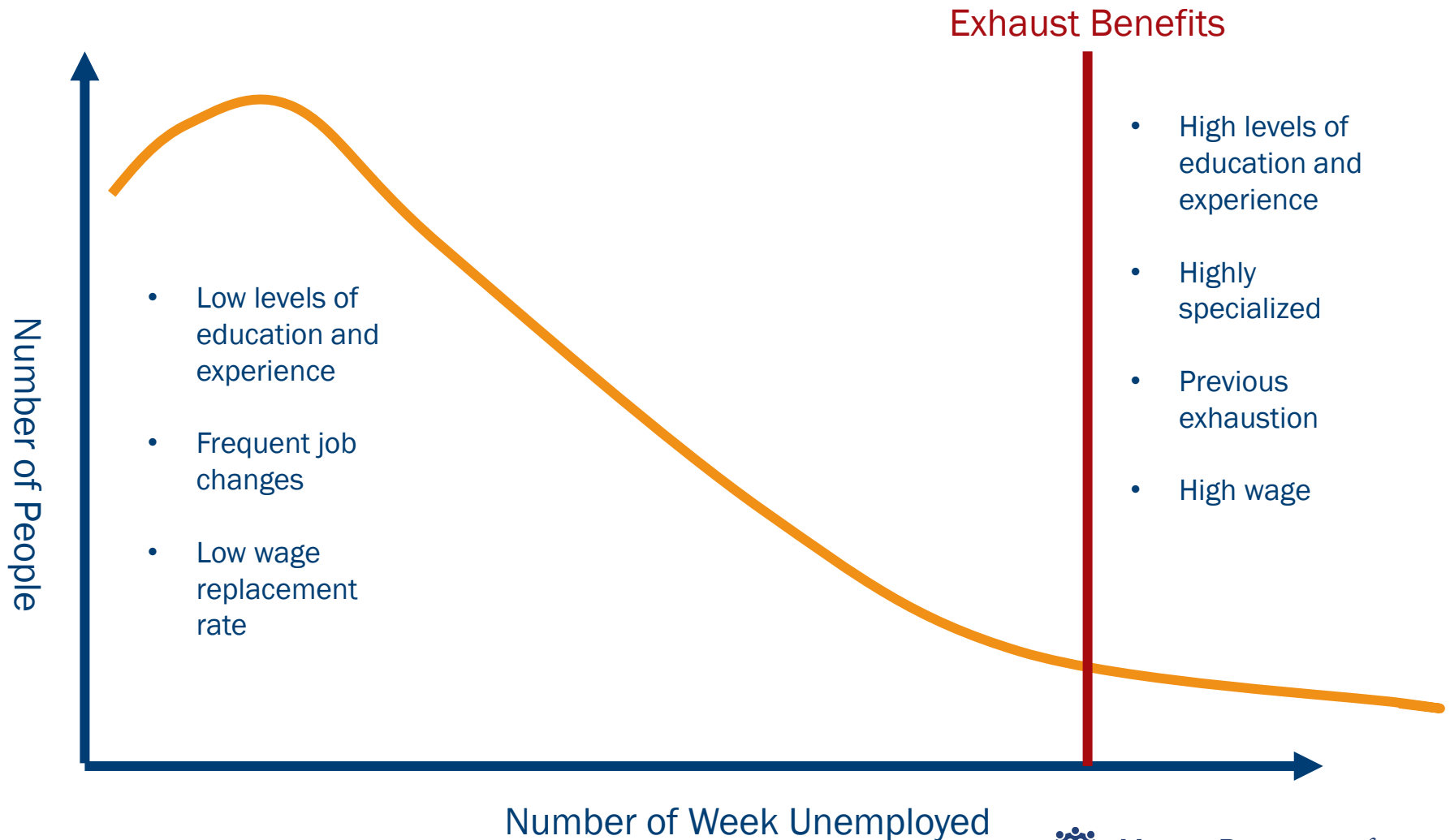
- Participants meet with a career coach to:
 - Be assessed for continued UI eligibility,
 - Be registered with Job Service
 - Develop an individualized reemployment plan,
 - Get LMI, career information, and
 - Be referred to other services/programs as appropriate
- Appointments last up to 2 hours.
- Individuals needing additional assistance are referred to their local office for more help and DW program enrollment.

The Selection Process

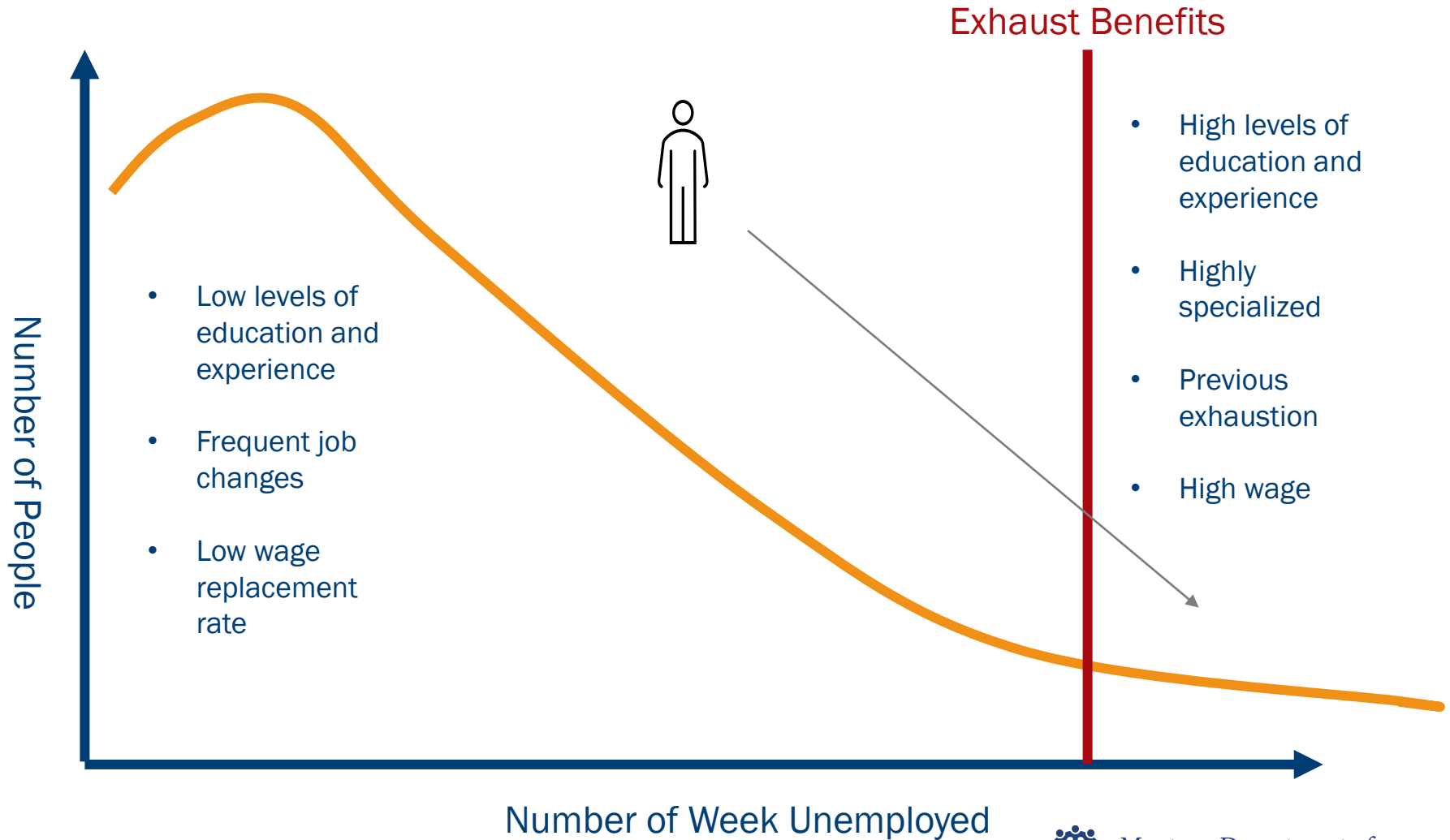
- **Eligible claimants are everyone but:**
 - job-attached/union claimants,
 - claimants in an approved training,
 - out-of-state claimants,
 - a couple other rare things.
- **There is a limited number of available slots, so claimants are prioritized by likelihood of benefit exhaustion**
- **Model looks at many claim characteristics.**
 - Past claim experience
 - Education: Graduate Degree is more likely to e
 - County rate of benefit exhaustion
 - # of Jobs in Past 3 Years (fewer = more likely)
 - Ratio of UI benefits to previous wages (Higher ratio = more likely)
 - Local industries and occupations



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RESEA by the Numbers

- In the past year there have been:
 - 4,308 referrals to RESEA
 - 2,740 claimants served
- Overall participation rate of 64%
- 12% of All Job Service clients with logged services are RESEA

Evaluation Requirements

- “Use evidence based strategies where they exist, conduct evaluations where needed”
- RESEA interventions must have *high or moderate causal evidence* of reducing average number of weeks of benefits by improving employment outcomes, including earnings.
- Incremental rollout requirements over time. States must expend no less than:
 - 25% of funds on proven strategies by FY 2023, 2024
 - 40% for FY25-26
 - 50% FY27

Montana's Eval Questions

- Does offering RESEA virtually lead to positive outcomes?
- Does requiring the use of online tools lead to a better appointment result?
- Randomized Control Trial is underway
 - Planning to complete trial in the fall

Questions