

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Herkimer, Madison & Oneida

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| POLICY #20-4 | Self-Sufficiency/Low Income |
| DATE: | February 28, 2020 |
| Applies To: | WIOA Title I – Adult, DW and Youth Programs |

PURPOSE

To inform Workforce Development Board (WDB) Herkimer, Madison & Oneida staff on the use of Poverty Income and LLSIL guidelines to be used in the determination of low income eligibility for services under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014

This Workforce Development System Technical Advisory (WDS TA) rescinds and replaces WDS TAs # 15-1 “Poverty Guidelines for 2015” (02/24/2015) and 15-4 “Lower Living Standard Income Level for 2015” (04/13/2015).

References:

Technical Advisory #16-1 dated April 1, 2016, Poverty Income and Lower Standard Income Level (LLSIL) Guidelines

ACTION

All staff should use current Poverty Income and LLSIL guidelines to determine income eligibility for WIOA services. Current tables can be found on the NYSDOL website under Income Eligibility Guidelines on the Programs and Tools page.

<http://labor.ny.gov/workforcenypartners/tools.shtm>.

POLICY

Poverty Income and LLSIL guidelines are to be used in the determination of low income eligibility for WIOA services. Career Center personnel who provide staff-assisted services should use this tool with job-seeking customers, as appropriate. This resource is an intuitive tool which can also be used by self-directed customers in Career Center resource rooms. The Self-Sufficiency Earnings Estimator should be communicated to the general public for use as an informational resource via the New York State Department of Labor website.

BACKGROUND

WIOA §101 (25) defines the term “low income individual” as one who qualifies under various criteria, including an individual who received income for the six-month period prior to application for the program involved that does not exceed the higher of the poverty line or 70% of the LLSIL.

Title I of WIOA requires the Secretary of Labor to update and publish the LLSIL tables annually for uses described in the law. LLSIL is used for several purposes under WIOA. Specifically,

WIOA Section 3(36) defines the term “low income individual” for eligibility purposes, and Sections 127(b)(2)(C) and 132(b)(1)(B)(v)(IV) define the terms “disadvantaged youth” and “disadvantaged adult” in terms of the poverty line or LLSIL for State formula allotments. The governor and state/local workforce development boards (WDBs) use the LLSIL for determining eligibility for youth and adults for certain services.

Additional Information

Self-Sufficiency Earnings Estimator

The purpose of TA 15-3 is to re-acquaint the Career Center System with an updated, web-based career guidance tool: the Self-Sufficiency Earnings Estimator. The prior version of the estimator consisted of a series of data tables. The updated tool is online and leads a user through an intuitive question set to provide relevant self-sufficiency data. This resource can be found at: https://apps.labor.ny.gov/SEE_Project/xhtml/seeCalculator.faces.