



LOS ANGELES COUNTY

WIA Youth Programs

DIRECTIVE

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Subject: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) 5% Eligibility Window

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TO: WIA YOUTH CONTRACTORS

The purpose of this directive is to assist your agencies operation of the ARRA Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) commencing on May 1, 2009. The attached directive, WIAD01-02, provides guidance as to the 5% Eligibility Window.

It is important to note that for the purposes of the ARRA Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP), youth is defined as ages 14 through 24 years.

Prior approval must be obtained before an agency can use the 5% Eligibility Window. All requests to the use of the 5% Window must be made to the attention of Francisco Perez at the County of Los Angeles, Community and Senior Services, WIA Operations and Planning.

If you have any questions about this directive, please contact Maggie Mireles, Program Manager, at (213) 738-2198 or Francisco Perez at (213) 739-7327 or fperez@css.lacounty.gov.


Josie Marquez, Executive Director
Workforce Investment Board



LOS ANGELES COUNTY WIA YOUTH PROGRAM BULLETIN

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TO: WIA Youth Providers

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify all WIA Youth Providers that the local Workforce Investment Board has approved the 5% eligibility window for youth who do not meet the low-income eligibility requirement.

5% Eligibility Window - for Non Low-Income Eligible Youth

Section 129(c)(5) of the Workforce Investment Act provides that up to five percent (5%) of youth served may be exempt from the low income requirement. Each agency shall be allowed to enroll up to five percent (5%) of the number of youth served who do not meet the low income criteria, provided that they meet the other eligibility requirement as follows:

- A. Is age 14 through 21
- B. Is within one or more of the following categories:
 1. Deficient in basic literacy skills;
 2. School dropout;
 3. Homeless, runaway, or foster child;
 4. Pregnant or parenting;
 5. Offender; or
 6. Is an individual (including a youth with a disability) who requires additional assistance to complete an educational program, or to secure and hold employment, which is a youth who is or has:
 - a) attending continuation school
 - b) low self esteem and sense of self
 - c) involved in gang activities
 - d) a substance abusers
 - e) little or no family support or direction/negative role identification
 - f) alienated by sexual preference
 - g) physically or mentally challenged
 - h) an emancipated minor
 - i) language or cultural barriers
 - j) emotional problems
 - k) at risk of dropping out of school
 - l) at least two grade levels below age

If you have any questions, please contact D.B. Quan at (213) 738-2624.

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Workforce Investment Program**



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