



LOS ANGELES COUNTY

WIA YOUTH

DIRECTIVE

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Subject: 6th Eligibility Definition

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TO: WIA Youth Contractors

The purpose of this directive is to re-inform all WIA Youth Service Providers that the definition for the sixth youth eligibility requirement (in *italics* below) has been approved by the local Workforce Investment Board and shall be defined as follows.

WIA Youth Eligibility

The Workforce Investment Act under Section 101 (13) defines who is eligible for youth services. An eligible youth is defined as:

1. Is age 14 through 21;
2. Is a low income individual, as defined in WIA section 101 (25); and
3. 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.*

Sixth Eligibility Category Defined

The following defines the sixth eligibility requirement and was approved by the local WIB as follows.

“An individual (including a youth with a disability who requires additional assistance to complete an educational program, or to secure and hold employment” shall be further defined as a youth who has one or more of the following characteristics:

- a) Attending continuation school;
- b) Low self-esteem and sense of self;
- c) Involved in gang activities;
- d) A substance abuser;
- 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; or
- l) At least two grade levels below age.

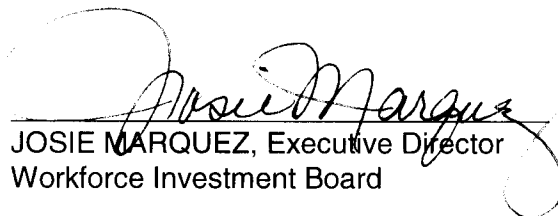
Documentation of Requirement

Supplemental documentation is required for eligibility determined on any one of the above enumerated definitions. Sufficient documentary evidence must be in the participant's file to warrant enrollment under the 6th eligibility definition.

References:

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WIA Youth Program File Contents Guide

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