



Southwest Georgia Workforce Development Board

Policy/Procedure Name: Youth Requires Additional Assistance

Policy/Procedure #: WIOA-2017-042

Proposed Effective Date: August 22, 2017

Rescinds Policy #42 Needs Additional Assistance Definition Policy dated 1/1/13

PURPOSE

This policy provides guidance on the criteria for youth qualifying for program services through the “requires additional assistance to enter or complete an educational program or to secure or hold employment” eligibility category. Specific guidelines and requirements are left to the local workforce boards to determine what qualifies as a need for additional assistance. This allows youth to be eligible based on their need for increased support to achieve their educational and/or employment goals.

STATE POLICY

Reference: Georgia Department of Economic Development, Workforce Division - Policy and Procedure Section 3.2.6 Youth Participant Eligibility for WIOA

Georgia Department of Economic Development, Workforce Division - Workforce Implementation Guidance (WIG) Letter: WIG PS-15-002, Youth Eligibility and Definitions

LOCAL POLICY

The SWGA WDB defines “an individual who requires additional assistance to enter or complete an educational program or to secure or hold employment” for a low income youth as one of the documented following:

- Has not held a job for longer than three (3) consecutive months, or is currently unemployed and was terminated from a job within six (6) months of application;
- Not currently attending any school (including a youth with a diploma or equivalent) who has not held a full-time job for more than three (3) consecutive months, or has a poor work history to include no work history, or has been terminated from a job within the last six (6) months, or lacks work readiness skills necessary to obtain and/or retain employment;
- Has experienced a recent traumatic event (within two (2) years of application), is a victim of abuse, or resides in an abusive environment as documented by a school official or professional;
- Is an emancipated youth;

- Has been referred to, or is being treated by, an agency for depression or a substance abuse related problem;
- Has a family history of chronic unemployment (during the two (2) years prior to application, family members were unemployed longer than employed);
- Has repeated at least one secondary grade level or is one or more grade levels behind age appropriate level;
- Is a current or previous dropout or is deemed at risk of dropping out of school by a school official;
- Has a parent that is incarcerated

REFERENCES

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Public Law 113-128, enacted July 22, 2014

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Regulations, 20 CFR Parts 678, 680, 683

Georgia Department of Economic Development, Workforce Division - Policy and Procedure Section 3.2.6 Youth Participant Eligibility for WIOA

Georgia Department of Economic Development, Workforce Division - Workforce Implementation Guidance (WIG) Letter: WIG PS-15-002, Youth Eligibility and Definitions
USDOL TEGL 23-14, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth Program Transition

USDOL TEGL 8-15, Second Title I WIOA Youth Program Transition Guidance

USDOL TEGL 21-16, Third Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title I Youth Formula Program Guidance

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