

POLICY – YOUTH ELIGIBILITY

Background

The Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act (WIOA) provides the following eligibility requirements for Out-of-school Youth

- a. To be provided services under the youth funding stream as an “out-of-school youth”, the individual must be:
 - 1) Not attending any school as defined under state law, individuals attending Adult Education provided under Title II of WIOA, Youth Build or Job Corps are also classified as out-of-school youth;
 - 2) Not younger than age 16 or older than age 24; and
 - 3) One or more of the following:
 - A school dropout as defined by the state,
 - Within the age of compulsory school attendance, but has not attended school for at least the most recent complete school year calendar quarter as defined by the school district and the applicable school based on the student’s residence or assignment;
 - A recipient of a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent who is a low-income individual and is:
 - i) Basic skills deficient (20 CFR 681.290); or
 - ii) An English language learner.
 - Subject to the juvenile or adult justice system;
 - Homeless, a homeless child or youth, a runaway, in foster care or aged out of the foster care system, a child eligible for assistance under section 477 of the Social Security Act³, or in an out-of-home placement;
 - Pregnant or parenting;
 - An individual with a disability
 - A low-income individual requiring additional assistance to enter or complete an educational program or to secure or hold employment.
- b. For individuals required to attend school under applicable state compulsory school attendance laws, the priority of assistance shall be for the individual to attend school regularly.

Objective

To identify youth who will be served by the WIOA programs in Will County.

Recommendations

The Workforce Investment Board of Will County has determined that the most effective use of WIOA funds to serve youth will target only “out-of-school” youth between the ages of 17 and 24.

All youth programming must be designed to serve this population. No WIOA funds will be allocated to serve “in-school” youth.

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