



Workforce Investment Board Mid-Ohio-Valley

Policy #11

Subject: Addition to Youth Eligibility Criteria

Effective Date: July 1, 2001

Purpose: To establish policy and outline additional eligibility criteria for youth participating in Workforce Investment Act activities.

References: Section 101 of the Workforce Investment Act and 20 CFR part 664.220

Background: The Workforce Investment Act identifies specific eligibility criteria for youth to participate in WIA activities. It also allows local boards the discretion to establish policy regarding the needs of the population served. The eligibility requirements are as follows:

- 1) Age 14 –21
- 2) Low-income; 70% of the lower living standard income level
- 3) An individual who is one or more of the following:
 - a) School Dropout;
 - b) Deficient in basic literacy skills;
 - c) Pregnant or parenting;
 - d) Homeless runaway or foster child;
 - e) Offender; or
 - f) Is an individual (including a youth with a disability) who requires additional assistance to complete an educational program or secure and hold employment.

Policy: The Workforce Investment Board Mid-Ohio Valley has included the following elements to be considered when determining whether an individual needs additional assistance:

Youth at risk of dropping out of school, immigrant youth, youth with limited English proficiency, Youth deficient in occupational skills, or youth who reside in areas with high rates of poverty, crime and/or unemployment.

By expanding the definition of “needs assistance” Workforce Investment Board Mid-Ohio Valley will be able to serve at-risk youth in a more equitable manner.

Action: Workforce WV centers working with individuals from Region 4 will make customers aware of this policy. As well as, collaboratives and entities providing service to our region.

Expiration Date: This policy shall remain in effect until revised or canceled by the Workforce Investment Board Mid-Ohio Valley.

Approved: Executive Committee
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