

Southwest Ohio Region Workforce Investment Board

Policy: **Self-Sufficiency Policy and Standard and Family Self-Sufficiency Standard**

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Purpose:

To determine whether a customer is eligible for Adult or Dislocated Worker services under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), using the most current available Federal Poverty Guidelines and Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) (as attached)

Reference:

The WIA Section 134 (d)(A)(ii) states that funds allocated for adults shall be used to provide intensive services to adults and dislocated workers “who are employed, but who are determined by a one-stop operator to be in need of such intensive services in order to obtain or retain employment that allows for self-sufficiency.”

The LLSIL is: 1) revised by the Department of Labor (DOL) annually, 2) is geographically based, and 3) is used to determine the income level for WIA eligibility. WIA Section 101 (24) (25) defines the lower living standard income level (LLSIL), and the use of the LLSIL for low income to be 70% of the LLSIL.

Policy Statement:

- The Ohio WIA-Area #13 Southwest Ohio Region Workforce Investment Board defines self-sufficiency for the Adult WIA services as the ability to secure employment at a wage in excess of 200% of the poverty level for family sizes of one (1) or two (2) and 200% of the 70% LLSIL annual chart for a family size of three (3) or more.
- The Ohio WIA-Area #13 Southwest Ohio Region Workforce Investment Board defines self-sufficiency for the Dislocated Worker WIA services as the ability to secure employment at 75% of the customer’s previous salary if that salary was above the 200% poverty level.
- The calculation compares all family income to the federal poverty level for that family size. For applicants 18 but under 24, who determined dependent, their family income and family size is used as the basis for that determination.
- SuperJobs Center shall apply the following standard when determining family self-sufficiency eligibility for WIA Adult (non-Dislocated Worker) funded Individual Training Accounts (ITAs) services: The income of all family members must be at or below 200% of federal poverty level.
- The actual LLSIL chart of income is attached and subsequent annual updates are considered part of this policy without amendment.

Action:

The Ohio WIA-Area #13 Southwest Ohio Region Workforce Investment Board will provide this policy to the operator of the SuperJobs Center One-Stop who will define the procedures to be used to produce consistent use of this policy in determining Self-Sufficiency and Family Self-Sufficiency. The SuperJobs Center One-Stop operator will ensure the consistent use of this policy.

Attachments:

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