



Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Policy Workforce Snohomish

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A. BACKGROUND

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) defines the term “low income individual” as one who qualifies under various criteria, including an individual who receives, or received for a prior six-month period, income that does not exceed the higher level of the HHS Poverty Guidelines or 70 percent of the Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL), whichever is higher. Workforce Development Councils must ensure local policies, procedures, and definitions reference current Poverty Guidelines and LLSIL.

Existing policies and procedures must align with the current Poverty Guidelines and LLSIL when determining whether an individual is low-income.

B. POLICY

Consistent with WIOA, the Washington State Strategic and Operations Plans for workforce development, and the Workforce Snohomish Strategic and Operations Plans, the following Income Guidelines are to be used in determining if a given youth is low-income based on family income relative to family size for Program Year(s) 2015-16 starting on the Effective Date, above. Consistent with State policy, these guidelines are those established for the Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton Metropolitan Statistical Area.

Reference:

- March 25, 2016 Federal Register (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; Lower Living Standard Income Level)
- January 25, 2016 Federal Register (Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines)
- WorkSource System Policy 1019, Rev 2. (Eligibility Guidelines and Documentation Requirements)

Supersedes: Policy #1160 for PY 15 and 16

**WIOA I-B Youth Program
Program Year 2015-16 Rev 1 Income Guidelines**

INCOME GUIDELINES	
Family Size	Amounts
1	\$11,880
2	\$18,594
3	\$25,529
4	\$31,512
5	\$37,189
6	\$43,490

For each additional family member, add \$6,301.

The family of one figure shown is based on the Poverty Income Level effective January 25, 2016. All other figures in this column are based on 70% of the Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) effective March 25, 2016.