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**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

POLICY NO: 34-08
TO: Service Providers
FROM: Department of Social Services
EFFECTIVE: April 13, 2011
SUBJECT: Local WIB definition the sixth youth barrier eligibility criterion

REFERENCES:

- Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998
- Title 20 CFR Section 664.210

PURPOSE:

A local Workforce Investment Boards (WIB) may define the sixth youth barrier. Therefore, this policy provides the local WIB definition of an individual who requires additional assistance to complete an educational program, or to secure and hold employment.

POLICY:

San Luis Obispo County's definition regarding the sixth youth eligibility criterion is:

1. "Requires additional assistance to complete an educational program" shall be defined as: an individual who: (a) is at risk of dropping out of school, as identified by a referral from a school staff person, probation officer, or other responsible person documenting chronic attendance or disciplinary problems, or educational underachievement, and/or other indications which have been adopted by the Local Education Agencies (LEAs); or (b) is attending an alternative school/education program; or (c) is credit deficient; or (d) whose educational achievement is below expected levels; or (e) who has unstable living conditions; or (f) lacks familial support to complete an educational program.

2. “Requires additional assistance to secure and hold employment” shall be defined as an individual who: (a) has never held a job; or (b) has been fired from a job within the 12 months prior to application; or (c) has never held a full-time job (30+ hours per week) for more than 13 consecutive weeks; or (d) lacks familial support to secure or hold employment.

Documentation

The following criteria may be used to support the applicability of the sixth barrier. Service providers shall maintain documentation to substantiate each criterion cited in the case file.

- Repeated at least one secondary grade level
- Court/agency referrals mandating school attendance
- Have a core GPA of less than 1.5
- At least 2 semester credits behind the rate required to graduate
- An emancipated youth
- Deemed at risk of dropping out of school by a school official
- Have never held a job
- Have aged out of foster care
- Previous dropout or have been suspended 5+ times or expelled
- Have been referred to or are being treated for a substance abuse related problem
- Experienced a recent traumatic event
- Has serious emotional, medical or psychological problems
- Have never held a full-time job for more than 13 consecutive weeks
- Been fired from a job within the 12 months prior to application
- Documentation showing participant attends an alternative school

ACTION:

The Administrative Entity for the WIB and its service providers shall follow this policy. This policy will remain in effect from the date of issue until such time that a revision is required.

INQUIRIES:

Inquiries should be addressed to WIB Admin at wibadmin@co.slo.ca.us.

REVISION HISTORY:

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