



## Workforce Investment Board Mid-Ohio-Valley

Policy #16

**Subject:** 5% of Youth Participants under WIA

**Effective Date:** October 25, 2001

**Purpose:** To establish policy for 5% of participants whom are non-economically disadvantaged youth to receive WIA programming within Region 4 Workforce Investment Area.

**References:** 20 CFR part 664.220

**Background:** The Workforce Investment Act allows 5% of participants to receive programming under WIA who are not economically disadvantaged. Youth must still meet eligibility of age (14-21) and have one or more of the following barriers:

- a) School dropout;
- b) Basic skills deficient, as defined in WIA section 101 (4);
- c) One or more grade levels below the grade level appropriate to the individuals age;
- d) Pregnant or parenting;
- e) Possess one or more disabilities, including learning disabilities
- f) Homeless or runaway;
- g) Offender; or
- h) Face serious barriers to employment as identified by the local Board. (WIA sec. 129©(5).) Region 4 has defined those criteria as:

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.

**Policy:** The Workforce Investment Board Mid-Ohio Valley allows 5% of participants to receive programming under WIA who are not economically disadvantaged. Appropriate determination of eligibility and equitable distribution of service among our region will be mandatory. Youth being considered for services under this policy must meet at least two (2) of the above mentioned barriers as well as being 14-21 years of age.

**Action:** All Workforce WV Centers and service providers within Region 4 will be made aware of the policy. Youth must meet eligibility requirements prior to authorization of services through WIA.

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

**Approved:** WIB

Oct. 24, 2001