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TO: America's Job Center of California Operators
Adult & Youth Program Service Providers

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SUBJECT: WIA TITLE I ELIGIBILITY CHANGES

PURPOSE

The purpose of this issuance is to notify America's Job Center of California (AJCC) Operators, and Adult and Youth Service Providers that the State of California Employment Development Department (EDD) has issued a revised WIA Eligibility Technical Assistance Guide (TAG) that includes changes to:

- Dislocated Worker (DW) Categories;
- Foster Youth Definition;
- List of Acceptable Documentation Sources.

BACKGROUND

This Directive, WSD14-4 WIA Title I Eligibility, was issued on September 25, 2014. It finalizes the EDD Draft Directive WSDD-96, issued by EDD for comment on January 21, 2014. The Workforce Services Division received 33 comments during the draft comment period. The Directive and the Comments to the Draft Directive (Attachment 2 to the final Directive) are provided as links under Attachments to this issuance. The Comments explain most of the major changes.

San Diego Workforce Partnership (SDWP) teams are reviewing the TAG revisions in preparation for updating and issuing a revised Chapter VII, WIA Eligibility Certification Process, to incorporate the changes. However, there are some changes that need to be communicated immediately and implemented by AJCCs and Adult and Youth Service Providers.

ACTION

Please review the attached WIA TAG and the Summary of Comments (Attachments 1 and 2) to see the changes that affect eligibility for your program(s). Questions should be addressed to WIAEligibilityTAGQandA@workforce.org. SDWP Regulatory and Program staff will send answers to your questions through the issuance of a Question and Answer (Q&A). The SDWP staff analysis of the TAG and clarifications provided in response to your questions will be incorporated into the updated Chapter VII, WIA Eligibility Certification Process.

Some of the changes that need to be implemented immediately are provided below. Additional updates will be issued in the near future.

Dislocated Worked Program Changes

1. Discontinue using the category “Voluntary Quit” (see explanation in Summary of Comments provided as Attachment 2, Comment and Resolution #5)
2. Individuals engaged in stop-gap employment are now considered “employed” (see explanation in Summary of Comments, Comments and Resolution #8-10).

Youth Program

1. Definition of foster child has been expanded to include youth that have been in foster care at any time during his/her lifetime. (See TAG, Section XII, Definitions)
2. Acceptable source documents to prove a youth is a foster child have changed. (See Summary of Comments provided as Attachment 2, Comment and Resolution # 26)
3. EDD removed references to “foster youth” and only uses the term “foster child” in order to be consistent. (See Summary of Comments provided as Attachment 2, Comment and Resolution # 28).

The changes in the Directive are effective immediately. Make sure staff conducting WIA eligibility determination are made aware of and are implementing the changes noted above.

Please address your questions regarding this issuance, to your Program Specialist at (619) 228-2900, or other questions about the TAG to WIAEligibilityTAGQandA@workforce.org.

ATTACHMENTS

1. WIA Eligibility Technical Assistance Guide [WSD14-4](#) - WIA Title I Eligibility
2. Summary of Comments on the TAG (see Attachment 2 of above TAG)

cc: Workforce Partnership Internal Distribution List
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