

Southwest Arkansas Workforce Development Board

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

Policy Number:	
Title: Youth Additional Assistance Barrier Policy	
Reference: WIOA: 129(a)(1)(B)(iii)(VIII); 129(a)(1)(C)(iii)(VII); 20 CFR 681.210, 681.220	
Date of Issue:	Effective Date:

WIOA Youth Programs serve eligible In-School Youth, ages 14-21, and Out-of-School Youth, ages 16-24. Eligibility for youth participants, as described under the provisions of Public Law 113-128 Sec. 129(a)(1)(B)(iii)(VIII) for OSY and 129(a)(1)(C)(iii)(VII) for ISY allows an additional barrier to be identified when determining eligibility of youth.

Additional Assistance Barrier for In-School Youth – An individual who requires additional assistance to complete an educational program or to secure or hold employment. Documentation must be placed in the files concerning the barrier details. No more than 5% of ISY assisted may be eligible based solely on the Additional Assistance Barrier for ISY.

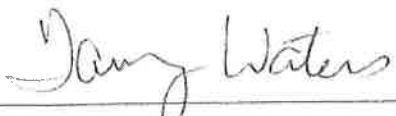
- At Risk of Dropping Out
 - Has a core GPA of less than 1.5 (on a 4.0 scale) or is a postsecondary student deemed by a school official to be on academic probation
 - Is deemed at risk of dropping out of school
- Poor Work History, Lack of Prospects
 - A youth 16 years of age or older who is currently unemployed AND either has not held a job for longer than three months or was fired from a job within six months of application.
 - A youth 18 – 21 years of age who has been unemployed for the last six months.
- Dysfunctional Domestic Situations
 - Has a family history of chronic unemployment (during the two years prior to application, family members were unemployed longer than employed)
 - Is a member of a single-parent household
 - Lives with grandparent(s) or caretaker(s) other than natural or adoptive parents
 - Is an emancipated youth
- Victim of Abuse
 - Has experienced a recent traumatic event (within two years of application), is a victim of abuse, or resides in an abusive environment. Documentation must be supplied by a school official, case manager of another government agency, or professional doctor or counselor
- Substance Dependency or Abuse, Self or Immediate Family
 - Has been referred to or is being treated by an agency for a substance-abuse related problem
- Behavior Problems
 - Has been suspended two or more times from school or has been expelled
 - Is participating in alternative education because of behavior problems in the normal classroom

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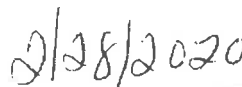
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Additional Assistance Barrier for Out-of-School Youth – A low-income individual who requires additional assistance to enter or complete an educational program or to secure or hold employment. Documentation must be placed in the files concerning the barrier details.

- Poor Work History, Lack of Prospects
 - A youth 16 years of age or older who is currently unemployed AND either has not held a job for longer than three months or was fired from a job within six months of application.
 - A youth 18 – 24 years of age who has been unemployed for the last six months.
 - a) Self-attestation of individual work history
 - b) IWAGE printout
- Entitlement Program Recipient
 - Receives, or is a member of a family who receives, cash payments under a federal or state income-based public assistance program
 - Receives or has been determined eligible to receive, or is a member of a family who receives or is eligible to receive, Food Stamps with the six months prior to application
 - Has been determined eligible for free or reduced meals at school during the six months prior to application
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