

Southwest Corner Workforce Development Board WIOA Self-Sufficiency Policy

Background: Under WIOA, training services may be provided if the American Job Center staff, including partner programs' staff, determines after conducting an interview, an evaluation, or assessment, and career planning, that the individual:

- **Is unlikely or unable to obtain or retain employment that leads to economic self-sufficiency or wages comparable to or higher than wages from previous employment through career services alone;**
- **Is in need of training services to obtain or retain employment that leads to economic self-sufficiency or wages comparable to or higher than wages from previous employment;**
- Has the skills and qualifications to successfully participate in the selected program of training services;
- Is unable to obtain grant assistance from other sources to pay the costs of such training, including such sources as State-funded training funds or Federal Pell Grants established under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, or requires WIOA assistance in addition to other sources of grant assistance, including Federal Pell Grants (20 CFR 680.230 and WIOA sec. 134(c)(3)(B) contain provisions relating to fund coordination.);
- Is a member of a worker group covered under a petition filed for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) and is awaiting a determination? If the petition is certified, the worker may then transition to TAA approved training. If the petition is denied, the worker will continue training under WIOA;
- Is determined eligible in accordance with the State and local priority system in effect for adults under WIOA sec. 134(c)(3)(E) if training services are provided through the adult funding stream; and
- Selected a program of training services that is directly linked to the employment opportunities in the local area or the planning region, or in another area to which the individual is willing to commute or relocate.

Policy Statement: The Southwest Corner Workforce Development Board defines economic self-sufficiency for WIOA Adults and Dislocated Workers as follows:

Adult Economic Self-Sufficiency: An employed adult may be eligible for WIOA training funds if his or her annualized previous 6-month total family income does not exceed 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Income Level Guidelines published annually by the US Department of Labor.

Dislocated Worker Economic Self-Sufficiency: An employed dislocated worker may be eligible for training funds if his or her current hourly wage is less than 90% of the wage at time of dislocation.

Comparison of different levels – August 17, 2018

Number in Family	Eligible for SNAP (monthly times 12) – this is 130% of the Poverty Level	Poverty Level (Low income)	70% LLSIL (low income)	LLSIL – at 100%	200% poverty (Suggested originally) – want to use now for self sufficiency)	150% of LLSIL (last suggestion)	235% Poverty – this is used for Youth TANF program	150% of the 70% LLSIL – this was what was used previously
1	15,684	12,140	10,872	15,752	24,280	23,628	28,529	16,308
2	21,120	16,460	17,820	25,816	32,920	38,724	38,681	26,730
3	26,556	20,780	24,464	35,431	41,780	53,146.50	48,833	36,696
4	31,980	25,100	30,193	43,738	50,200	65,607	58,985	45,289.50
5	37,416	29,420	35,634	51,620	58,840	77,430	69,137	54,451
6	42,852	33,740	41,466	60,363	67,480	90,544.50	79,289	62,199