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SUBJECT Priority of Service - Individuals with Barriers

REFERENCES:

WIOA §§ 3, 166(b), 167(i)(1-3), 203(7)

20 U.S.C 7517

25 U.S.C 450b

42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.

43 U.S.C 1602(b),(r)

TEGLs 19-16 & 21-16

ADWS Policy No. WIOA I-B – 1.2 (Definitions)

ADWS Policy No. WIOA I-B – 2.4 (Eligibility for Dislocated Worker Program)

BACKGROUND

Priority of service means that an individual is given priority over non-covered persons for the receipt of employment, training, and placement services provided. Individuals with a higher priority of service receive access to services before those with a lower priority of service. If a higher priority person is on a waiting list, the higher priority person will move to the top of the list. However, the higher priority person will not remove a lower priority person who is currently enrolled from continuing services.

PRIORITY OF SERVICE:

Priority of service is given to individuals with *any of* the barriers listed below:

- Low-income individuals, as defined in WIOA § 3(36) and ADWS Policy No. WIOA I-B – 1.2 (Definitions)
- Ex-offenders or offenders [TEGL 19-16], as defined in WIOA § 3(38) and ADWS Policy No. WIOA I-B – 1.2 (Definitions)
- Homeless individuals, including runaways, as defined in TEGL 19-16 and ADWS Policy No. WIOA I-B – 1.2 (Definitions)
- Eligible migrant and seasonal farmworkers, as defined in WIOA § 167(i)(1-3) and ADWS Policy No. WIOA I-B – 1.2 (Definitions)
- Individuals who are English language learners, as defined in WIOA § 203(7) and ADWS Policy No. WIOA I-B – 1.2 (Definitions)
- Individuals who have low levels of literacy (i.e. Basic Skills deficient [TEGL 19-16]), as defined in ADWS Policy No. WIOA I-B – 1.2 (Definitions)
- Individuals within 2 years of exhausting lifetime eligibility under TANF (See 42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.)
- Single parents (custodial and non-custodial, mothers and fathers) and single pregnant women [TEGLs 19-16 & 21-16])
- Long-term unemployed individuals, as defined in ADWS Policy No. WIOA I-B – 1.2 (Definitions)
- Youth who are in or have aged out of the foster care system
- Individuals facing substantial cultural barriers to employment, as defined in ADWS Policy No. WIOA I-

B – 1.2 (Definitions)

- Displaced Homemakers as defined in ADWS Policy No. WIOA I-B – 1.2 (Definitions)
- Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians, as such terms are defined in section 166 of WIOA
- Individuals with disabilities as defined in ADWS Policy No. WIOA I-B – 1.2 (Definitions)
- Older individuals as defined in ADWS Policy No. WIOA I-B – 1.2 (Definitions)

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