

## WIOA YOUTH ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE POLICY

Effective Date: September 17, 2015

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**Background:** Under the WIOA law, as defined in section 681.200 (c)(8), either the State or the local level may establish definitions and eligibility documentation requirements for the “requires additional assistance to complete an educational program, or to secure and hold employment.” In cases where the State Board establishes State policy on this criterion, the State Board must include the definition in the State Plan. In cases where the State Board does not establish a policy, the Local Board must establish a policy in their local plan if using this criterion.

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 provides for employment and training programs for Out-of-School Youth ages 16-24 that are not attending school and meet at least one mandated barrier to training or employment. For a youth to qualify for services using the criterion “Is an individual who requires additional assistance to complete an education program, or to secure and hold employment, one of the following must be met:

- A. Youth in a situation of domestic violence**
- B. Youth with a history of substance abuse**
- C. Youth that lacks occupational goals/skills**
- D. Youth that has a poor work/no work history**
- E. Youth that has been actively seeking employment for at least 2 months, but remains unemployed**
- F. Youth that is gang involved or at-risk of gang involvement**
- G. Youth that has limited English proficiency**
- H. Migrant Youth**
- I. Youth residing in a household where at least one family member living at the same residence has received public assistance in the last six months**

**Questions:** Contact the Region VII Workforce Development Board Executive Director, 151 Robert C. Byrd Industrial Park Road, Suite 2, Moorefield, WV 26836. Telephone number is (304) 530-5258. Fax number is (304) 530-5107.

**Expiration:** Effective until rescinded, in writing, by the Region VII Workforce Development Board.



T.J. Van Meter, Executive Director

9.23.15

Date



Kathy Mason, Chairperson Region VII WDB

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