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TO: **WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREAS**

FROM: David Tremblay, Acting Administrator - Workforce Investment Office

SUBJECT: Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) & Self-Sufficiency Guidelines for 2010

DATE: June 16, 2010

1. PURPOSE. To transmit the 2010 Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) and Self-Sufficiency Guidelines. The LLSIL guidelines below are used to determine eligibility based on family income for youth and for "priority of service" adults. The Self-Sufficiency Guidelines are used to determine eligibility based on a lack of a self-sufficient wage for employed individuals.

2. REFERENCES.

a. Federal Register dated January 23, 2009
b. Federal Register dated May 7, 2010
c. WIA Regulations 663.230
d. WIN Notice 06-12 & WIN Notice 00-13

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3. BACKGROUND. WIA defines the term "low income individual" in Section 101 (25) of the Act. Among other things, the term means an individual who received an income or is a member of a family that received a total family income for the 6-month period prior to application for the program involved that, in relation to family size, does not exceed the **higher of -** the poverty line, for an equivalent period; or 70 percent of the LLSIL, for an equivalent period.

While the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has not revised its 2009 Poverty Income Guidelines (published: 01/23/09) for 2010, the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (ETA) has published revised Lower Living Standard Income Levels (LLSIL) for 2010 in the Federal Register on May 7, 2010.

4. DETERMINATION OF THE INCOME LEVEL. In order to determine the 70 percent LLSIL, refer to Table 1 on page 25298 of the May 7, 2010 Federal Register. Rhode Island is listed in the Northeast Metro Jurisdiction. Table 1 indicates that for the Northeast Metro the 70 percent LLSIL for a family of 4 is $27,131. Now refer to Table 4 on page 25299 and identify the $27,131 in the column labeled "Family of Four". Move left or right across that row to the value that corresponds to the individual's family size. Because the amount for a family size of one, $9,771, is lower than the poverty level, reference must be made to the Federal Register dated January 23, 2009, page 4200, that will provide you with the Poverty Income Level for a family of one, $10,830. This amount is used to establish low income status for a family of one. For all other family sizes, the LLSIL is utilized as it exceeds the poverty guidelines.

The chart includes the yearly 70% LLSIL as well as the 6-month family income which is used in determining income eligibility for Title 1B program services.

70% LLSIL (Use 6-mo. figures in determining income eligibility)						
FAMILY OF	ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX
SIX MONTHS	$5,415	$8,007	$10,989	$13,566	$16,010	$18,722
ANNUAL	$10,830	$16,014	$21,978	$27,131	$32,020	$37,444

For families larger than six persons, an amount equal to the difference between the six person and the five person family income levels should be added for each additional person in the family. In this case, the annual difference equals $5,424 and the six month difference equals $2,712.

5. DETERMINATION OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY. Self-sufficiency is defined as employment that pays 100 percent of the LLSIL. Refer to Table 5 on page 25299 of the May 7, 2010 Federal Register.

100 % LLSIL (To determine lack of a self-sufficient wage)					
FAMILY OF ONE	**TWO**	**THREE**	**FOUR**	**FIVE**	**SIX**
$ 13,958	$22,877	$31,397	$38,759	$45,743	$53,491

For families larger than six persons, an amount equal to the difference between the six person and the five person family income levels should be added for each additional person in the family. In this case, the difference equals $7,748.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE. These guidelines are effective May 7, 2010.

7. INQUIRIES. Questions concerning this subject may be directed to me at 462-8812 or Jo-Anne Thibedeau at 462-8857.

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