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WORKFORCE INVESTMENT NOTICE: 13-03

Workforce Investment Act

TO: WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREAS

FROM: David Tremblay, Administrator - Workforce Investment Office

SUBJECT: Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) & Self-Sufficiency Guidelines for 2014

DATE: April 3, 2014

1. PURPOSE. To transmit the 2014 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 22, 2014
- b. [Federal Register](#) dated March 27, 2014
- c. WIA Regulations 663.230
- d. WIN Notice 07-12 & WIN Notice 00-13

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.

The poverty levels were revised and the new Federal Poverty Guidelines were published in the Federal Register on January 22, 2014. The guidelines for the LLSIL were published in the Federal Register on March 27, 2014.

4. DETERMINATION OF THE INCOME LEVEL. In order to determine the 70 percent LLSIL, refer to Table 1 on page 17186 of the March 27, 2014 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 \$29,251. Now refer to Table 4 on page 17187 and identify the \$29,251 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, \$10,534, is lower than the poverty level, reference must be made to the Federal Register dated January 22, 2014, page 3594, that will provide the Poverty Income Level for a family of one, \$11,670. 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	\$5,835	\$8,633	\$11,848	\$14,626	\$17,261	\$20,185
ANNUAL	\$11,670	\$17,265	\$23,695	\$29,251	\$34,522	\$40,369

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 \$5,847 and the six month difference equals \$2,924.

5. DETERMINATION OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY. Self-sufficiency is defined as employment that pays 100 percent of the LLSIL. Refer to Table 5 on page 17187 of the March 27, 2014 Federal Register.

100 % LLSIL (To determine lack of a self-sufficient wage)					
FAMILY OF ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX
\$ 15,049	\$24,664	\$33,850	\$41,787	\$49,317	\$57,670

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 \$8,353.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE. These guidelines are effective March 27, 2014.

7. INQUIRIES. Questions concerning this subject may be directed to the State Workforce Investment Office Administrator at 462-8812.