

## Region VI Workforce Investment Board Policy Letter 01 (R-1)

**Subject: Exception to permit youth who are not low-income individuals to receive youth services.**

**Effective: October 1, 2001**

**Youth must meet eligibility requirements prior to authorization of services through WIA.**

1. **Purpose:** To establish policy and outline additional program elements for over income youth participating in Workforce Investment Activities within Region VI.
2. **References:** CFR 20 Chapter V Part 664 Youth Activities Under Title I of the Workforce Investment Act. Subpart B Eligibility for Youth Services.
3. **Background:** The Workforce Investment Act identified that up to five percent of youth participants served by youth programs in Region VI may be individuals who do not meet the income criterion for eligible youth, provided that they are within one or more of the following categories:
  - (a) School dropout;
  - (b) Basic skills deficient, as defined in WIA section 101(4);
  - (c) Are one or more grade levels below the grade level appropriate to the individual's age;
  - (d) Pregnant or parenting;
  - (e) Possess one or more disabilities, including learning disabilities;
  - (f) Homeless or runaway;
  - (g) Offender; or
  - (h) Face serious barriers to employment as identified by the Local Board (WIA sec. 129(c)(5).)
4. **Policy:** The Region VI Workforce Investment Board has set the requirement that a participant must have minimum of three of the eight barriers specified in the Workforce Investment Act. By adding these additional requirements, it allows for the priority of service to be set and allows for multiple barriers to be addressed through a year round intensive youth program.
5. **Policy Revision** to accept the minimum standards from Department of Labor, in order to serve additional participants through the Region VI Workforce Investment Youth Programs.
6. **Action:** All Work4WV Centers within Region VI or serving youth from Region VI will be made aware of this policy as well as, entities providing service to our region.
7. **Approved:** April 11, 2002
8. **Expiration Date:** This policy shall remain in effect until revised or cancelled by the Region VI Workforce Investment Board.