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TO: LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARDS

FROM: Susan Chomka, Workforce Development Services Division, Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

SUBJECT: Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) & Self-Sufficiency Guidelines for 2016

DATE: April 12, 2016

1. PURPOSE. To transmit the 2016 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 25, 2016
- b. [Federal Register](#) dated March 25, 2016
- c. WIOA Title I
- d. WIN Notice 06-12 & WIN Notice 00-13

3. BACKGROUND. WIOA defines the term “low income individual” as one who qualifies under various criteria, including an individual who receives, or received for a prior six-month period, income that does not exceed the higher level of the poverty line or 70 percent of the LLSIL.

The poverty levels were revised and the new Federal Poverty Guidelines were published in the Federal Register on January 25, 2016. The guidelines for the LLSIL were published in the Federal Register on March 25, 2016.

4. DETERMINATION OF THE INCOME LEVEL. In order to determine the 70 percent LLSIL, refer to Table 1 on page 16219 of the March 25, 2016 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 \$29,514. Now refer to Table 4 on page 16221 and identify the \$29,514 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, \$10,629, is lower than the poverty level, reference must be made to the Federal Register dated January 25, 2016, page 4037, that will provide the Poverty Income Level for a family of one, \$11,880. 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	\$5,940	\$8,711	\$11,955	\$14,757	\$17,417	\$20,367
ANNUAL	\$11,880	\$17,421	\$23,909	\$29,514	\$34,833	\$40,733

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 \$5,900 and the six month difference equals \$2,950.

5. DETERMINATION OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY. Self-sufficiency is defined as employment that pays 100 percent of the LLSIL. Refer to Table 5 on page 16222 of the March 25, 2016 Federal Register.

100 % LLSIL (To determine lack of a self-sufficient wage)					
FAMILY OF ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX
\$ 15,185	\$24,886	\$34,156	\$42,164	\$49,762	\$58,190

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 \$8,428.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE. These guidelines are effective March 25, 2016.

7. INQUIRIES. Questions concerning this subject may be directed to the Assistant Director of the Workforce Development Services Division at 462-8712.