



## **WORKFORCE INVESTMENT NOTICE: 18-01**

**TO:** WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREAS

**FROM:** Governor's Workforce Board

**SUBJECT:** Lower Living Standard – 2017 Guidance

**DATE:** **Effective: July 1, 2017**

- 1. PURPOSE:** To transmit the 2017 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:** WIOA Title I ; [Federal Register dated May 23, 2017](#) ; [Federal Register dated January 31, 2017](#)
- 3. BACKGROUND:** WIOA defines the term “low income individual” as one who qualifies under various criteria, including individuals in a family with total income below either the federal poverty level of 70% of the lower living standard income level (LLSIL). The 2017 Poverty Level Guidelines were published in the Federal Register on January 31, 2017. The 2017 guidelines for the LLSIL were published in the Federal Register on May 23, 2017.
- 4. INQUIRIES:** Questions concerning this issuance may be directed by phone or by email at:

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**5. DETERMINATION OF INCOME LEVEL.** In order to determine 70% of LLSIL, refer to Table 1 on page 23597 of the May 23, 2017 Federal Register. Rhode Island is listed in the Northeast Metro Jurisdiction. Table 1 indicates that for the Northeast Metro region 70% of LLSIL for a family of 4 is \$30,075. Now refer to Table 4 on page 23599 and identify the \$30,075 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 - \$10,831 - is lower than the poverty level, reference must be made to the Federal Register dated January 31, 2017, page 8832 that will provide the Poverty Income Level for a family of one, \$12,060. This amount is used to establish low income status for a family of one.

For all other family sizes, the LLSIL is to be utilized as it exceeds the poverty guidelines.

<b>70% of LLSIL</b>						
<b>Family Size</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Total Income</b>	\$12,060	\$17752	\$24363	\$30075	\$35495	\$41507

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 to the six-person family income level for each additional person in the family. In this case the difference equals \$6012.

**6. DETERMINATION OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY.** Self-sufficiency is defined as employment that pays 100% of the LLSIL. Refer to Table 5 on page 23600 of the May 23, 2017 Federal Register:

<b>100% of LLSIL</b>						
<b>Family Size</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Total Income</b>	\$15473	\$25359	\$34805	\$42965	\$50707	\$59295

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 to the six-person family income level for each additional person in the family. In this case the difference equals \$8588.

**7. EFFECTIVE DATE.** These guidelines are effective July 1, 2017.