

## **POLICY**

CATEGORY:

**Program Operations-WIOA** 

No: 4.1.103.01

TITLE:

Youth Eligibility Criteria

SUPERSEDES:

Policy # 462.PR dtd December 6, 2002 and 232 dtd December 6, 2002

EFFECTIVE:

June 16, 2017

BOARD APPROVAL:

June 15, 2017

LAST REVIEW:

June 7, 2017

#### . PURPOSE:

Provides further guidance concerning the eligibility criteria for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth Program, specifically defining a youth who "requires additional assistance".

### II. DEFINITIONS:

N/A

# **III. POLICY STATEMENT:**

Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend (WFSCB) has established the following barriers to define a youth who "requires additional assistance to complete an educational program or to obtain or retain employment" criterion of In-School-Youth (ISY) and Out-of-School Youth (OSY):

- 1) educational attainment one or more grade levels below the grade level appropriate
- to the age of the individual,
- 2) failed to pass state mandated tests,
- 3) negative behaviors,
- 4) low self-esteem,
- 5) lack of job skills, or
- 6)been identified as at-risk of dropping out of school by the school which the individual attends.

For ISY, not more than five percent (5%) of the ISY served in the Coastal Bend workforce area may be deemed eligible because of the criteria described/listed in "requires additional assistance".

### IV. PROCEDURES:

N/A

## V. RELATED POLICY INFORMATION:

Workforce Investment Act of 1998, Section 101(13)C(vi)

TWC, WD Letter 32-03, Change 4, dated September 17, 2012 and entitled Workforce Investment Act: Updated WIA Eligibility Guidelines Desk References

TWC WIOA Guidelines for Adults, Dislocated and Youth, Issued September 26, 2016.

U.S. Department of Labor Training and Employment Guidance Letter WIOA No. 21-16 issued March 2, 2017.

## VI. RESPONSIBILITIES:

Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend Contracted Service Provider management shall disseminate to appropriate WFSCB Career Center staff and develop local procedures to ensure this policy is followed.

VIII. DISTRIBUTION:

Board of Directors Board Staff Service Provider Staff

IX. SIGNATURES:

Reviewed by EO Officer

Date