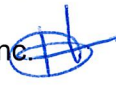




**Buffalo and Erie County
Workforce Investment Board, Inc.**

LOCAL POLICY BULLETIN
BECWIB BULLETIN # 8-17 DATE: 8/25/17

TO: Lavon Stephens, Administrative Director, WDC, Inc.
FROM: Heather Gresham, Executive Director, WIB, Inc. 
SUBJECT: Revised Lower Living Standard Income Levels (LLSIL) for 2017

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

Recently, the New York State Department of Labor published a revised table listing the higher of 70% of the LLSIL or the HHS poverty level to be used in determining WIOA eligibility as a "low income individual" or "disadvantaged adult/youth" (see attachment).

<u>Size of Family Unit</u>	<u>Income Level</u>
1	\$12,060
2	\$17,752
3	\$24,363
4	\$30,075
5	\$35,495
6	\$41,507

For families larger than 6 persons add \$6,012 to the six-person family income level for each additional person in the family.

Please note that these numbers reflect yearly income amounts. This family income determination would be based on the six (6) month period prior to application, which would then be annualized for final determination.

Also attached is WIOA Title 1 Income Inclusions and Exclusions. **PLEASE NOTE: Unemployment insurance payments are NOW INCLUDED as income.**

c: Leslie Ayer, Carolyn Bright, Terry Chatfield, Ken Cologne, Makeda Holley, Christina Lopez, Brenda McDuffie, Deborah Miller, Jeff Nixon, Denise Raymond, Russell Sferlazza, Karen Simmons, Darrell Slisz, Demone Smith, Joe Sullivan, Grace Tate, Mary Zerpa and WIB staff.

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Attachments (2)

NOTE METRO DEFINITION CHANGES
(As of Feb. 2013)
See footnotes.

70% OF THE LOWER LIVING OR POVERTY INCOME GUIDELINES FOR 2017 COUNTIES

FAMILY SIZE	70% OF THE LOWER LIVING STANDARD INCOME LEVEL, 2017			POVERTY LEVEL, 2017	HIGHEST OF 70% OF THE LOWER LIVING OR POVERTY INCOME GUIDELINES, 2017		
	Non-Metro Areas \1_	Upstate Metro Areas \2_	NY City Area \3_		Non-Metro Areas \1_	Upstate Metropolitan Areas \2_	NY City Area \3_
1	10,679	10,831	11,469	12,060	\$12,060	\$12,060	\$12,060
2	17,505	17,752	18,797	16,240	17,505	17,752	18,797
3	24,031	24,363	25,801	20,420	24,031	24,363	25,801
4	29,659	30,075	31,852	24,600	29,659	30,075	31,852
5	35,004	35,495	37,586	28,780	35,004	35,495	37,586
6	40,930	41,507	43,963	32,960	40,930	41,507	43,963
7	46,856	47,519	50,340	37,140	46,856	47,519	50,340
8	52,782	53,531	56,717	41,320	52,782	53,531	56,717
9	58,708	59,543	63,094	45,500	58,708	59,543	63,094
10	64,634	65,555	69,471	49,680	64,634	65,555	69,471
11	70,560	71,567	75,848	53,860	70,560	71,567	75,848
12	76,486	77,579	82,225	58,040	76,486	77,579	82,225
13	82,412	83,591	88,602	62,220	82,412	83,591	88,602
14	88,338	89,603	94,979	66,400	88,338	89,603	94,979
15	94,264	95,615	101,356	70,580	94,264	95,615	101,356
16	100,190	101,627	107,733	74,760	100,190	101,627	107,733
17	106,116	107,639	114,110	78,940	106,116	107,639	114,110
18	112,042	113,651	120,487	83,120	112,042	113,651	120,487
19	117,968	119,663	126,864	87,300	117,968	119,663	126,864
20	123,894	125,675	133,241	91,480	123,894	125,675	133,241

\1_ Counties outside metropolitan areas. Counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Cayuga, Chautauqua, Chenango, Clinton, Columbia, Cortland, Delaware, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Genesee, Greene, Hamilton, Lewis, Montgomery, Otsego, St. Lawrence, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Sullivan, and Wyoming.

\2_ Counties in Metropolitan Statistical Areas, except the NYC Area. Counties of Albany, Broome, Chemung, Erie, Jefferson, Herkimer, Livingston, Madison, Monroe, Niagara, Oneida, Onondaga, Ontario, Orleans, Oswego, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Tioga, Tompkins, Ulster, Warren, Washington, Wayne, and Yates.

\3_ Dutchess, Nassau, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk and Westchester Counties, and the City of New York (Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, and Richmond Counties).

SOURCE: Federal Register, under Employment and Training Administration, Notices, 5/23/2017, Volume 82, No. 98, pp. 23595 - 23601.

**WIOA TITLE I INCOME INCLUSIONS AND EXCLUSIONS
FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING LOW-INCOME AS A CONDITION OF ELIGIBILITY
OR PRIORITY OF SERVICE**

INCOME INCLUSIONS	
1	Gross wages and salaries (before deductions) including wages earned in OJT, severance pay, and wages earned while on reserve duty in the Armed Forces
2	Net receipts from non farm self-employment (receipts from a person's own incorporated business, professional enterprise, or partnership, after deductions for business expenses)
3	Unemployment insurance payments
4	Child support payments
5	Net receipts from farm self-employment (receipts from a farm which one operates as an owner, renter, or sharecropper, after deductions for farm operating expenses)
6	Survivor insurance benefits received under Section 202 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402)
7	Social Security retirement (regular payments)
8	Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) (regular payments)
9	Railroad retirement (regular payments)
10	Strike benefits from union funds (regular payments)
11	Workers Compensation (regular payments)
12	Training Stipends (regular payments)
13	Alimony
14	Pensions (e.g., private, government, military retirement)
15	Regular insurance or annuity payments
16	College or university grants, fellowships, and assistantships (excluding needs-based scholarships)
17	Interest and dividends
18	Net rental income
19	Net royalties and/or periodic receipts from estates or trust
20	Net gambling or lottery winnings

INCOME EXCLUSIONS	
1	Cash payments under a Federal, State or local income based public assistance program, including chapter 115 benefits
2	Veterans severance pay
3	TANF Payments
4	Supplemental Security Income (SSI) from SSA
5	Foster child care payments
6	Capital gains
7	Any assets drawn down as withdrawals from a bank, sale of property, a house or a car
8	Tax refunds
9	One-time gifts, loans, and lump-sum inheritances
10	One-time payments such as for accident, death or casualty insurance payments or compensation for injury
11	Non-cash, in-kind benefits such as: employer paid fringe benefits, food stamps, Medicare, Medicaid, school meals, fuel or other housing assistance, and food or housing received in lieu of wages
12	Needs-based financial aid (Pell Grants, scholarships)
13	Income earned while on active military duty and certain other Veteran's benefits i.e., compensation for service-connected disability, compensation for service-connected death, vocational rehabilitation and education assistance

The income exclusions are based on the WIOA Title I definitions and/or exclusions listed in the USHHS Poverty Income Level and USDOL 70% Lower Living Standard Income Level.