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To: WIOA Subrecipients of the Orange County
Development Area

From: Brian Rayburn 
Interim Director

Subject: 70 Percent LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines for 2018
Information Notice No. 18-OCDB-02

PURPOSE:

This policy provides the guidance and establishes the procedures regarding the 70 Percent Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) for 2018 published by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) in the Federal Register on May 29, 2018. This policy also issues the 2018 poverty guidelines published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in the Federal Register on January 18, 2018. This policy applies to all Local Workforce Development Areas (Local Areas) and is effective on their dates of publication in the Federal Register, May 29, 2018, and January 18, 2018, respectively.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This notice is effective on the date of issuance.


REFERENCES:

- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Sections 3(36), 127(b)(2)(C), 132(b)(1)(B)(v)(IV), and 134(d)(1)(A)(x)
- Federal Register, Volume 83, Number 103, "WIOA 2018 LLSIL" (May 29, 2018)
- Federal Register, Volume 83, Number 12, "Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines" (January 18, 2018)

BACKGROUND:

The WIOA Section 3(36)(A) sets the criteria Local Areas must use to determine whether an individual is a low-income individual. These criteria include two sets of data: the poverty guidelines as published by HHS, and the 70 percent of the LLSIL, as published by DOL. The Local Areas must use the higher of these two measures to establish low-income status for eligibility purposes of WIOA Title I programs. The WIOA requires annual revisions to both sets of data. All Local Areas use the same poverty guidelines.



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POLICY AND PROCEDURES:

Follow these steps to determine if a person is a low income individual:

Use the higher (blue shaded cells) of either the LLSIL or the poverty guideline in the attached table (Attachment I) for the appropriate family size to determine low income status. A comparison of the applicant's actual family income during the six-month income determination period with the six-month figures on the charts enables the reviewer to immediately determine income status.

Orange County Community Services has also set the criteria for determining whether employment leads to self-sufficiency. Please refer to 17-OCDB-24 (Self-Sufficiency) and any subsequent updates. This criteria provides that self-sufficiency means employment that pays great than 100% of the LLSIL.

ACTION:

Bring this policy to the attention of all affected staff and all relevant parties.

INQUIRIES:

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact your Contract Administrator at (714) 480-6500.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment I - 70 Percent LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines for 2018

70 PERCENT LLSIL AND POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR 2018

The Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) and poverty guidelines are used to establish low-income status for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title I programs. Local Workforce Development Areas (Local Areas) use the LLSIL to determine eligibility of youth, eligibility of employed adults for certain services, and self-sufficiency. Local Areas should consult the WIOA for more specific guidance.

Since the income received during the six-month period immediately prior to the individual's application for WIOA funded services is used for income determination, each chart below shows the six-month, as well as the annual, figures for each family size. A comparison of the applicant's actual family income during the six-month income determination period with the six-month figures on the charts enables the reviewer to immediately determine an individual's eligibility.

Effective Dates

LLSIL May 29, 2018
 Poverty Guidelines January 18, 2018

Orange County Metropolitan Statistical Area							
Family Size							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Each Add'l add
70% LLSIL							
Annual	\$11,127	\$18,234	\$25,034	\$30,904	\$36,468	\$42,654	\$6,186
6 Months	\$5,564	\$9,117	\$12,517	\$15,452	\$18,234	\$21,327	\$3,093
100%	\$15,895	\$26,048	\$35,763	\$44,149	\$52,097	\$60,935	\$8,838
Poverty Guidelines							
Annual	\$12,140	\$16,460	\$20,780	\$25,100	\$29,420	\$33,740	\$4,320
6 Months	\$6,070	\$8,230	\$10,390	\$12,550	\$14,710	\$16,870	\$2,160