

Maryland Workforce Issuance

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To: Chief Elected Officials
Workforce Investment Board Chairs
Workforce Investment Board Directors
Title I Administrators
Career Center Directors

cc: WIA State Partners
Maryland WIA Grant Recipients and Subrecipients

From: Julie Squire, Assistant Secretary, 
Department of Workforce Development and Adult Learning

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Subject: Revised Federal Poverty Guidelines and Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL)

Purpose: This issuance provides the U.S. Department of Labor's annual LLSIL for 2014 and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 2014 Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Background: Under Title I of the Workforce Investment Act, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor annually determines the Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) for uses defined in the law. WIA defines the term "low income individual" as one who qualifies under various criteria, including an individual who received income that does not exceed the higher of the poverty line or 70 percent of the lower living standard income level. In accordance with the Workforce Investment Act, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has released the 2014 figures for poverty levels and the U.S. Department of Labor has released the annual 2014 LLSIL.

Action Required: All Maryland WIA grant recipients and subrecipients should use one of the attached charts, either the 2014 Poverty Guidelines or the 2014 LLSIL – 70 percent (whichever is higher), to determine if applicants are low income for those programs that require it. Documentation should be consistent with TEGL No. 28-11 for Low Income source documentation. These income guidelines are available in the Maryland Workforce Exchange Virtual One Stop (MWE-VOS) system. All intake personnel are to be advised of the changes and refer to the revised guidelines.

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2014 Poverty Guidelines and 2014 Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) - 70% for The State of Maryland

2014 HHS Poverty Guidelines

| Size of Family | Poverty Guideline |
|----------------|-------------------|
| 1..... | \$11,670 |
| 2..... | \$15,730 |
| 3..... | \$19,790 |
| 4..... | \$23,850 |
| 5..... | \$27,910 |
| 6..... | \$31,970 |
| 7..... | \$36,030 |
| 8..... | \$40,090 |

*For family units with more than 8 members, add \$4,060 for each additional person.

2014 Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) - 70%

| Area | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Over 6 Add |
|----------------------------|----------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------|
| Anne Arundel County WIA | 11,415 * | 18,707 | 25,677 | 31,695 | 37,407 | 43,748 | 6,341 |
| Baltimore City WIA | 11,415* | 18,707 | 25,677 | 31,695 | 37,407 | 43,748 | 6,341 |
| Baltimore County WIA | 11,415* | 18,707 | 25,677 | 31,695 | 37,407 | 43,748 | 6,341 |
| Frederick County WIA | 11,415* | 18,707 | 25,677 | 31,695 | 37,407 | 43,748 | 6,341 |
| Lower Shore WIA | 8,846* | 14,492* | 19,890 | 24,554 | 28,976 | 33,886 | 4,910 |
| Mid Maryland WIA | | | | | | | |
| Carroll County | 11,415* | 18,707 | 25,677 | 31,695 | 37,407 | 43,748 | 6,341 |
| Howard County | 11,415* | 18,707 | 25,677 | 31,695 | 37,407 | 43,748 | 6,341 |
| Montgomery County WIA | 11,415* | 18,707 | 25,677 | 31,695 | 37,407 | 43,748 | 6,341 |
| Prince George's County WIA | 11,415* | 18,707 | 25,677 | 31,695 | 37,407 | 43,748 | 6,341 |
| Southern Maryland WIA | | | | | | | |
| Calvert County | 11,415* | 18,707 | 25,677 | 31,695 | 37,407 | 43,748 | 6,341 |
| Charles County | 11,415* | 18,707 | 25,677 | 31,695 | 37,407 | 43,748 | 6,341 |
| St. Mary's County | 8,846* | 14,492* | 19,890 | 24,554 | 28,976 | 33,886 | 4,910 |
| Susquehanna Region WIA | | | | | | | |
| Cecil County | 10,129* | 16,594 | 22,780 | 28,119 | 33,187 | 38,807 | 5,620 |
| Harford County | 11,415* | 18,707 | 25,677 | 31,695 | 37,407 | 43,748 | 6,341 |
| Upper Shore WIA | 8,846* | 14,492* | 19,890 | 24,554 | 28,976 | 33,886 | 4,910 |
| Queen Anne's County | 11,415* | 18,707 | 25,677 | 31,695 | 37,407 | 43,748 | 6,341 |
| Western Maryland WIA | | | | | | | |
| Allegany County | 9,654* | 15,819 | 21,712 | 26,805 | 31,637 | 37,001 | 5,364 |
| Washington County | 9,654* | 15,819 | 21,712 | 26,805 | 31,637 | 37,001 | 5,364 |
| Garrett County | 8,846* | 14,492* | 19,890 | 24,554 | 28,976 | 33,886 | 4,910 |

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* Poverty level is greater than the LLSIL figures