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**Workforce Investment Act of 1998**  
**Title I Chapter V**  
**Youth Eligibility Requirements**

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WIA sec. 101(13); CFR Sec. 664.200

An eligible youth is defined as an individual who:

- is age 14 through 21;
- is a low income individual, as defined in the WIA section 101(25); and
- is within one or more of the following categories;
  1. Deficient in basic literacy skills;
  2. School dropout;
  3. Homeless, runaway, or foster child;
  4. Pregnant or parenting;
  5. Offender; or
  6. Is an individual who requires additional assistance to complete an educational program, or to secure and hold employment (WIA sec. 101(13).

Definitions and eligibility documentation requirements regarding the “requires additional assistance to complete and education program, or to secure and hold employment” criterion of § 664.200(6) is established by the Guam Workforce Investment Board as Youth Barriers.

Definitions for “An individual who requires assistance to complete an education program, or to secure and hold employment” is an individual who:

- Is one or more grade levels below the grade level appropriate to the individual's age or has repeated at least one secondary grade level;
- Is credit deficient (lacking credits to be on-track to graduate from high school in a timely manner);
- Has a core GPA of less than 1.5 or is a postsecondary student deemed by a school official to be on academic probation;
- Is a previous high school dropout at risk of dropping out of high school by a school official;
- Has been suspended two or more times from high school or has been expelled;
- Is attending an alternative school;
- Is an individual who does not speak English as their primary language and has a limited ability to read, speak, write or understand English;
- Has documented physical, learning or mental disabilities;
- Has been referred to or is being treated by an agency for depression or substance abuse-related problem;
- Is a victim of abuse, or resides in an abusive environment as documented by a school official or professional;
- Has aged out of foster care;
- Is a youth 16 years of age or older who has not held a job for longer than three months or is currently unemployed and was fired from a job within six months of application;



- Receives, or is a member of a family who receives cash payments under a federal, local or income based public assistance program, or has been determined eligible to receive Food Stamps within the six months prior to application.
- Has a family history of chronic unemployment (during the two years prior to application, family members were unemployed longer than employed); **or**
- Is 18-21 years of age and has been unemployed for the last six months.

#### Exception to Youth Eligibility Requirements

An exception to permit youth who are not low-income individuals to receive youth services is up to five percent of youth participants served by youth programs in a local area may be individuals who do not meet the income criteria for eligible youth, provided that they are within one or more of the following categories:

- School dropout;
- Basic skills deficient, as defined in WIA section 101(4);
- Are one or more grade levels below the grade level appropriate to the individual's age;
- Pregnant or parenting;
- Posses one or more disabilities, including learning disabilities;
- Homeless or runaway;
- Offenders; **or**
- Face serious barriers to employment as identified by the Local Board. (WIA sec.129(c)(5). (See attached definitions)