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<b>Department of Labor and Workforce Development</b>	
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**1. Parties Affected**

This policy applies to the Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB) staff, Division of Employment and Training Service (DETS) staff, and grant recipients of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title I-B youth funds.

**2. Background**

This policy defines family income for eligibility and administrative purposes for WIOA Title I-B programs. Grant recipients, AWIB and DETS staff may refer to the following list for income inclusions and exclusions.

**3. Policy**

AWIB and DETS staff, and grant recipients of WIOA Title I-B funds will utilize the following guidelines when determining family income to determine eligibility for program services.

Family income is the total annualized cash receipts from all sources listed below that are received by all family members during the six-month period prior to application to a WIOA title I-B program.

Equal Opportunity Employer/Program  
Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities

Exception - A disabled individual whose family does not meet the low-income criteria found in DETS Self Sufficiency Policy #07-514 is considered low income, and a family size of one, if the individual's own income, separate from the household's, meets the income eligibility guidelines.

Family Income ***includes*** the following:

- a) Child Support, Alimony, or other ***regular*** support from an absent family member or someone not living in the household;
- b) Cash out of vacation time;
- c) College or university scholarships (not needs-based), grants, fellowships, and assistantships;
- d) Gross wages or salaries before any deductions: Total monetary compensation for services, including wages, tips, salary, commissions, fees and on-the job training;
- e) Dividends, interest, royalties, or net rental income;
- f) Lump sum inheritance;
- g) Net gambling or lottery winnings;
- h) Net receipts from non-farm self-employment (receipts from a person's own unincorporated business, professional enterprise, or partnership, after deductions for business expense);
- i) 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);
- j) Pensions, whether private, government employee pensions (including military retirement pay);
- k) Periodic receipts from estates or trusts;
- l) Regular insurance or annuity payments (including state disability insurance);
- m) Regular payments from Social Security or railroad retirement, strike benefits from union funds, worker's compensation, and training stipends (e.g., wages from the Alaska Conservation Corps);
- n) Severance payments;
- o) Terminal leave pay;
- p) Social Security Disability Insurance payments;
- q) Unemployment Compensation (this includes Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation, Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, and Extended Benefits);
- r) Social Security Old-Age Survivors Insurance benefits.

Family Income ***does not include*** the following:

- a) Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, distributions from the original Alaska Native Fund, stock, partnership interest, land, payments from a settlement trust, cash distributions, other exclusions of payments to Indians;

- b) Allowances, earnings and payments to individuals participating in programs under this policy (except OJT wages);
- c) Any assets drawn down as withdrawals from a bank, the sale of property, house or car;
- d) Black Lung Payments;
- e) Burial fund;
- f) Capital gains or losses;
- g) Foster Care child payments;
- h) Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation payments;
- i) Financial assistance under Title IV of the Higher Education Act, i.e., Pell Grants;
- j) Gifts of domestic travel tickets;
- k) Income earned while the veteran was on active military duty, military family allotments, and certain other veterans' benefits, i.e., compensation for service-connected disability, compensation for service-connected death, vocational rehabilitation, and education assistance;
- l) Income exclusions under other statutes for purposes of determining eligibility;
- m) Individual development account;
- n) Loans;
- o) Medicare, Medicaid, food stamps, school meals, and housing assistances;
- p) Need-based Public Assistance payments (including WIOA Needs-Related Payments, Trade Readjustment Allowances, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Security Income, Federal housing assistance, Federal relocation assistance, Emergency Assistance money payments, and non-federally-funded general assistance or general relief money payments);
- q) Needs-based scholarship assistance;
- r) Non-cash benefits such as employer paid or union-paid portion of health insurance or other fringe benefits, food or housing received in lieu of wages;
- s) Radiation Exposure Compensation Trust Fund;
- t) Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund;
- u) Senior benefits;
- v) State or local relocation assistance payments;
- w) Stipends while in VISTA, Peace Corps, Foster/Grand Parent Program, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, AmeriCorps;
- x) Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants and Federal Work Study;
- y) The imputed value of rent from owner occupied non-farm or farm housing;
- z) Tax refunds, Alaska Permanent Fund Dividends, gifts, Alaska Longevity Bonus, senior benefits, one-time insurance payments, or compensation for injury;
- aa) The value of food and fuel produced and consumed on farms;
- bb) Veterans benefits, World War II restitution payments, Agent Orange settlement payments, payments to Persons Captured and Interned by North Vietnam, Vietnam Veterans' Children with Spina Bifida;
- cc) Victims' compensation payments; or

dd) Wages earned under Title V of the Older Americans Act, Mature Alaskans Seeking Skill Training (MASST).

#### 4. Definitions

- a) **Family size** is the total number of family members who are a part of the individual's family at the time that an individual submits an application for the program.
- b) **Family members** are persons related by blood, marriage, or decree of court<sup>1</sup>, who are living in a single residence<sup>2</sup>, and are included in one or more of the following categories:
  - i. A couple that is lawfully married, and dependent children
  - ii. A parent or guardian and dependent children
  - iii. A couple that is lawfully married
- c) **Marriage** is defined as a couple that entered into a contractual relationship recognized by law and who has obtained a valid marriage license. Common law marriages are not recognized in the State of Alaska.

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<sup>1</sup> Decree of court means guardianship or adoption.

<sup>2</sup> A residence is defined as the principal dwelling place or home in which the individual physically resides.