

WIOA Title 1 - Youth Program Eligibility Definitions

Additional Assistance - An individual who requires additional assistance to complete an educational program or to secure and hold employment - means any youth who:

- a. Lacks the employability skills to become or retain employment; or
- b. Lacks access to training opportunities due to geographic challenges; or
- c. Requires special accommodations for education or employment due to their disability, or
- d. Has cultural dissonance; or
- e. Is defined as a migrant youth; or
- f. Is currently attending an educational program; and
 - (1) Has previously dropped out of an educational program; or
 - (2) Has poor attendance patterns in an educational program during the last 12 calendar months; and
 - (3) Has below average grades, including students who are behind in credits for graduation requirements;
- g. Is not attending an educational program; and
 - (1) Has no vocational/employment goal; and
 - (2) Has a poor work history (including no work history), or has been fired from a job in the last six calendar months;
- h. Has completed full high school attendance; and
 - (1) Failed comprehensive high school graduation tests; and
 - (2) Was denied an Alaska high school diploma; and
 - (3) Requests and requires intensive tutoring and/or remedial education to prepare for and retake the comprehensive examinations or the General Education Development (GED) Diploma examination.

Basic literacy skills deficient - means an individual that has English reading, writing, or computing skills at or below the 8th grade level on a generally accepted standardized test or a comparable score on a criterion-referenced test;

Compulsory school age – [Alaska Statute 14.30.010](#) defines compulsory between the age of seven and 16 years old, with various exceptions listed in the statute.

Disability – means an individual who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of such individual, has a record of such an impairment; or is regarded as having such an impairment as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990;

English language learner - is a person who is learning the English language in addition to his or her native language;

Homeless, a runaway, or in foster care - homeless means an individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence; or who has a primary nighttime residence that is:

- a. A supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations (including welfare hotels, congregate shelters, and transitional housing for the mentally ill);
- b. An institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized; or
- c. A public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

A runaway youth is an individual under 18 years of age who absents him or herself from home or place of legal residence without the permission of parents or legal guardian. A youth in foster care is an individual where there is a court order in existence removing the youth from the custody of the parent(s) and specifying a managing conservator exists and state or local government payments are made to the conservator;

Juvenile or adult justice system - an individual who is or has been subject to any stage of the criminal justice process resulting from a record of arrest or conviction.

Low Income:

- (A) Receives, or is a member of a family which receives, cash payments under a Federal, State, or local income-based public assistance program;
- (B) Received an income, or is a member of a family that received a total family income, for the six-month period prior to registration (exclusive of unemployment compensation, child support payments, payments described in subparagraph (A) and old-age and survivors insurance benefits received under section 202 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402)) that, in relation to family size does not exceed the higher of:
 - (I) the poverty line for an equivalent period; or
 - (II) 70 percent of the lower living standard income level for an equivalent period
[LLSIL poverty guidelines](#);
- (C) Is a member of a household that receives (or has been determined within the 6-month period prior to registration for the program involved to be eligible to receive) Food Stamps under the Food Stamp Act of 1977

Exception: Disabled Individual – A disabled youth whose family does not meet the low income criteria is considered low income if the individual's own income, separate from the household's, meets the income eligibility guidelines.

Pregnant, or parenting - an individual who is the parent of a child or soon to be a parent;

School dropout – means an individual who is no longer attending any school and who has not received a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent;