NORTH DAKOTA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

POLICY 2-01-03 (2)

CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SELF-SUFFICIENCY FOR WIA ELIGIBILITY

PURPOSE:

The Workforce Investment Act of 1998, Title I adult and dislocated workers funds may be used to provide intensive services to adults and dislocated workers who are employed if the one-stop career center operator determines they are in need of intensive services in order to obtain or retain employment that allows for self-sufficiency.

The Final Rule requires the state or local board to set the criteria for determining whether employment leads to self-sufficiency. At a minimum such criteria must provide that self-sufficiency means employment that pays at least the lower living standard income level as determined annually by the Secretary of Labor.

Reference**:** Workforce Investment Act of 1998, Section 134(d)(3)(A) and Final Rule at 20 CFR Part 663.230.

POLICY:

To provide intensive services to adults/dislocated workers who are employed at the time of application for eligibility:

- The income from the individual's primary job must be less than the current lower living standard income level for a family of eight, unless the individual is at risk of losing their current level of income.
- Individuals at risk of losing their current level of income as evidenced by a notice of lay-off, or inability to retain their current job due to changes such as increased skills required, or technological or industry changes, the potential future income from the individual's primary job must be less than the current lower living standard income level for a family of eight.

REFERENCE:

(0) NDWDC minutes dated September 11, 2003
(1) NDWDC minutes dated October 20, 2005
(2) NDWDC minutes dated November 20, 2008

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