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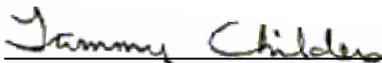
- SUBJECT:** Definition of WIOA's "Requires Additional Assistance" for Youth Eligibility
- PURPOSE:** To provide North Carolina's definition for "requires additional assistance to complete an educational program or to secure or hold employment" as it relates to eligibility for youth at Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Sections 129 (1)(B)(iii)(VIII) and (1)(C)(iv)(VII).
- ACTION:** WIOA Service Providers are to use the following definitions when determining youth eligibility. In North Carolina, "requires additional assistance to complete an education program or to secure or hold employment" is defined as all youth, including youth with a disability, who meet the criteria in either 1 or 2 below:
1. In School Youth **and**
    - a) Has poor attendance patterns in an educational program during the last 12 calendar months; **or**
    - b) Has been expelled from school within the last 12 calendar months; **or**
    - c) Has been suspended from school at least within the last 12 calendar months; **or**
    - d) Has below average grades; **or**
    - e) Has previously been placed in out-of-home care (foster care, group home, or kinship care) for more than 6 months between the ages of 14-21; **or**
    - f) Currently has an incarcerated parent(s)/guardian.
  2. Out-of-School Youth **and**
    - a) Has dropped out of a post-secondary educational program during the past 12 calendar months; **or**
    - b) Has a poor work history, to include no work history, or has been fired from a job in the last 6 calendar months; **or**
    - c) Has previously been placed in out-of-home care (foster care, group home, or kinship care) for more than 6 months between the ages of 16-21; **or**
    - d) Currently has an incarcerated parent(s)/guardian.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Immediately

**EXPIRATION DATE:** Indefinite

**CONTACT:** Executive Director

**DISTRIBUTION:** WIOA Youth Service Providers

  
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