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# Workforce Development System Technical Advisory #16-1 April 01, 2016

**To:** Workforce Development Community

**SUBJECT:** Poverty Income and Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) Guidelines

### PURPOSE

To inform Local Workforce Development Boards (LWBDs) and local staff on the use of Poverty Income and LLSIL guidelines to be used in the determination of low income eligibility for services under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014.

This Workforce Development System Technical Advisory (WDS TA) rescinds and replaces WDS TAs # 15-1 “Poverty Guidelines for 2015” (02/24/2015) and 15-4 “Lower Living Standard Income Level for 2015” (04/13/2015).

### ACTION

All staff should use current Poverty Income and LLSIL guidelines to determine income eligibility for WIOA services. Current tables can be found on the NYSDOL website under Income Eligibility Guidelines on the Programs and Tools page.

<http://labor.ny.gov/workforcenypartners/tools.shtm>.

### POLICY

Poverty Income and LLSIL guidelines are to be used in the determination of low income eligibility for WIOA services.

### BACKGROUND

WIOA §101 (25) defines the term “low income individual” as one who qualifies under various criteria, including an individual who received income for the six-month period prior to application for the program involved that does not exceed the higher of the poverty line or 70% of the LLSIL.

Title I of WIOA requires the Secretary of Labor to update and publish the LLSIL tables annually for uses described in the law. LLSIL is used for several purposes under WIOA. Specifically, WIOA Section 3(36) defines the term “low income individual” for eligibility purposes, and Sections 127(b)(2)(C) and 132(b)(1)(B)(v)(IV) define the terms

“disadvantaged youth” and “disadvantaged adult” in terms of the poverty line or LLSIL for State formula allotments. The governor and state/local workforce development boards (WDBs) use the LLSIL for determining eligibility for youth and adults for certain services.

## **INQUIRIES**

Questions regarding this TA may be directed to your State Representative