



Montgomery County Workforce Investment Board

Policy: Revised Federal Poverty Guidelines and Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL)

Effective Date: March 28, 2013

Policy Number: 2012-26

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

PURPOSE: To convey Workforce Investment Field Instruction No.12-12

REFERENCES: Workforce Investment Field Instruction No. 12-12

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

ACTION REQUIRED: Review attached WIFI 12-12, begin implementing the LLSIL when determining income levels for all WIA participants, ensure all staff is informed of the policy and create an internal process to ensure accountability.

BACKGROUND: Under Title I of WIA, the LLSIL is reviewed annually by the Secretary of Labor. WIA uses the LLSIL to determine eligibility for programs. WIA defines the term "low income individual" as one who qualifies under various criteria, including an individual who received income that does not exceed the higher of the poverty line or 70 percent of the lower living standard income level.

POLICY: This policy states the income levels to be used when determining income eligibility for WIA participants.

Approved:

March 28, 2013

Date of Approval

Barbara Kaufmann, WIB Director



WORKFORCE INVESTMENT FIELD INSTRUCTION (WIFI) No. 12-12

DATE: March 28, 2013

TO: Maryland Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Grant Recipients and Subrecipients
Labor Exchange Administrators

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

REFERENCES: Workforce Investment Act of 1998, (29 United States Code 2801 et seq.),
Public Law 105-220, as amended
20 CFR 652 – Workforce Investment Act: Final Rule
Federal Register/Vol. 78, No. 16
Federal Register/Vol. 78, No. 53

BACKGROUND: Under Title I of the Workforce Investment Act, the Secretary of Labor annually determines the Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) for uses defined in the law. WIA defines the term “low income individual” as one who qualifies under various criteria, including an individual who received income that does not exceed the higher of the poverty line or 70 percent of the lower living standard income level. In accordance with the Workforce Investment Act, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has released the revised 2013 figures for poverty levels and the U.S. Department of Labor has released the revised 2013 LLSIL.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN: All Maryland WIA grant recipients and subrecipients should use one of the attached charts, either the 2013 Poverty Guidelines or the 2013 LLSIL - 70 percent (whichever is higher), to determine if applicants are low income for those programs that require it. These income guidelines are available in the Maryland Workforce Exchange Virtual One Stop (MWE/VOS) system. All intake personnel are to be advised of the changes and refer to the revised guidelines.

CONTACT PERSON: Mary Ellen Branham (410) 767-2025 or mbranham@dllr.state.md.us

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 19, 2013

Attachment

Ellen Flowers-Fields
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning

2013 Poverty Guidelines and 2013 Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) - 70% for The State of Maryland

2013 HHS Poverty Guidelines

Size of Family		Poverty Guideline
	1.....	\$11,490
	2.....	\$15,510
	3.....	\$19,530
	4.....	\$23,550
	5.....	\$27,570
	6.....	\$31,590
	7.....	\$35,610
	8.....	\$39,630

*For family units with more than 8 members, add \$4,020 for each additional person.

2013 Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) - 70%

Area	1	2	3	4	5	6	Over 6 Add
Anne Arundel County WIA	11,224 *	18,394	25,248	31,165	36,782	43,016	6,234
Baltimore City WIA	11,224*	18,394	25,248	31,165	36,782	43,016	6,234
Baltimore County WIA	11,224*	18,394	25,248	31,165	36,782	43,016	6,234
Frederick County WIA	11,224*	18,394	25,248	31,165	36,782	43,016	6,234
Lower Shore WIA	8,759*	14,349*	19,693	24,311	28,689	33,551	4,862
Mid Maryland WIA							
Carroll County	11,224*	18,394	25,248	31,165	36,782	43,016	6,234
Howard County	11,224*	18,394	25,248	31,165	36,782	43,016	6,234
Montgomery County WIA	11,224*	18,394	25,248	31,165	36,782	43,016	6,234
Prince George's County WIA	11,224*	18,394	25,248	31,165	36,782	43,016	6,234
Southern Maryland WIA							
Calvert County	11,224*	18,394	25,248	31,165	36,782	43,016	6,234
Charles County	11,224*	18,394	25,248	31,165	36,782	43,016	6,234
St. Mary's County	8,759*	14,349*	19,693	24,311	28,689	33,551	4,862
Susquehanna Region WIA							
Cecil County	10,008*	16,398	22,510	27,786	32,794	38,347	5,553
Harford County	11,224*	18,394	25,248	31,165	36,782	43,016	6,234
Upper Shore WIA	8,759*	14,349*	19,693	24,311	28,689	33,551	4,862
Queen Anne's County	11,224*	18,394	25,248	31,165	36,782	43,016	6,234
Western Maryland WIA							
Allegany County	8,857*	14,513*	19,919	24,592	29,025	33,946	4,921
Washington County	8,857*	14,513*	19,919	24,592	29,025	33,946	4,921
Garrett County	8,759*	14,349*	19,693	24,311	28,689	33,551	4,862

* Poverty level is greater than the LLSIL figures
Effective 03/19/2013