

As a result of the economic situation and increasing costs of transportation and childcare the Northeast Regions support service policy was changed to increase the amount of support services that could be provided.

- A. *Identify the maximum dollar amount for all support services combined per participant.*

Support services are provided to participants throughout the duration of their participation of the WIA Title I program activities providing a continued need is identified and it has been documented through the employment plan and/or case notes that the services are needed to enable the participant to participate in Title I WIA activities and/or ARRA Recovery Act funds.

The NEMO Workforce Investment Board support service policy has identified a daily limit of support services that can be reimbursed for child care and transportation assistance.

Local policy mandates a cap of ~~\$300.00~~ \$500.00 for the duration of the customers current participation in Title I WIA programs for “other” support services such as: housing assistance, work related clothing, tools, equipment or “Other” costs deemed appropriate and necessary. ~~A waiver request must be approved by the Executive Director of the Workforce Investment Board prior to making the purchase(s).~~

~~The increased funding from the Recovery act will positively impact the region’s ability to address the increased demand for support services needs. The increase of funding allows the region to have the ability to provide needs based payments to additional customers.~~

- B. *Describe the criteria to be used by the local board, under 20 CFR 663.600, to determine whether funds allocated to a local area for adult employment and training activities under WIA sections 133(b)(2)(A) or (3) are limited, and the process by which any priority will be applied by the one-stop operator.\**

The NEMO Workforce Investment Board has determined that funds for adult employment and training activities in the Northeast Region are limited. This determination is based on the following information:

- Yearly funding amounts for employment and training activities for adults is not expected to increase above the amounts previously available through JTPA or the first five years of WIA;
- Funding for adults under the JTPA and WIA programs have never been adequate to meet the demand for services in the Northeast Region’s Workforce Investment Area;

- Eligibility requirements for WIA Title I services are less restrictive than under previous employment and training programs; therefore, it can be assumed that there will be an increase in the number of adults seeking services.
- Adult services under WIA Title I are available to any citizen or legal alien.

These factors demonstrate that funding under Title I of WIA for adult employment and training will not adequately meet the projected needs and should be prioritized to ensure those “most in need and most likely to benefit from” will receive training assistance.

The NEMO Workforce Investment Board concurs with the “Priority of Service” cited in the Act; namely recipients of cash welfare and other low-income individuals. Therefore, WIA Title I adult funds expended on intensive and training services will be restricted to individuals who meet one or more of the following criteria (with the exception noted below):

**First Priority** will be given to adults who are recipients of public assistance and other low-income individuals. Low-income individual means an individual who:

1. Receives, or is a member of a family who receives, cash payments under a Federal, State, or local income-based public assistance program;
2. Received an income, or is a member of a family that received a total family income, for the 6-month period prior to application for the program involved (exclusive of unemployment compensation, child support payments, payments described in 1 above, and old-age and survivors insurance benefits received under section 202 of the Social Security Act) that, in relation to family size, does not exceed the higher of:
  - a) the poverty line, for an equivalent period; or
  - b) 70 percent of the lower living standard income level, for an equivalent period
3. Is a member of a household that receives (or has been determined within the 6-month period prior to application for the program involved to be eligible to receive) food stamps;
4. Qualifies as a homeless individual, as defined in subsections (a) and (c) of section 103 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act;
5. Is a foster child on behalf of whom State or local government payments are made;
6. Is an individual with a disability, whose own income meets the criteria in 1 or 2 above