

- D. *Define the sixth eligibility criteria for youth, described in WIA section 101(13)(iv) as “an individual who requires additional assistance to complete an educational program, or to secure and hold employment”.*

The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 provides for employment and training programs for young people ages 14-21 that are low income and meet at least one mandated barrier to employment. However, in order for a youth to qualify for services using the criterion of “*Is an individual (including a youth with a disability) who requires additional assistance to complete an education program, or to secure and hold employment,*” the following conditions must be met:

1. Verification obtained from a professional source (school official, physician, drug or alcohol rehab agency, psychologist, Veteran’s administration, Vocational Rehabilitation) or documentation (school records, attendance records, medical records, SSD records, social service records, worker’s compensation records) stating that the youth does require additional assistance either related to education or employment which include:
 - a. Possesses a disability, including a learning disability or IEP
 - b. Poor school attendance (as defined by school)
 - c. Limited English proficiency
 - d. Attending an alternative school
 - e. Children of incarcerated parents
 - f. Circumstances that require additional assistance to obtain education or employment, OR
 2. Documentation (employment records, verification from employer, job search log) which verifies that the youth:
 - a) Has a poor work history (been fired from 1 or more jobs within the last six months, OR has a history of sporadic employment, such as “has held 3 or more jobs within the last 12 months, and is no longer employed”), or
 - b) Has been actively seeking employment for at least 2 months, but remains unemployed.
- E. *Describe how veteran’s priority, as required by Public Law 107-288, will be incorporated into all programs.*

The Northeast Region recognizes the preferences allowed to veterans required by Public Law 107-288 and apply those applicable laws accordingly to priority. When veterans and non-veterans are eligible for services, veterans shall receive priority. Any service delivery point requiring attendance at an orientation before accessing services will include the required priority of service information as part of the orientation.