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**DWD ISSUANCE 09-06**

**Subject:** Ten Youth Programs at Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Section 129 (c) (2) as Options Available to Youth Participants

1. **Purpose:** To provide information regarding the waiver of the requirements to include each of the ten program elements listed in WIA Section 129 (c) (2) as options available to Youth participants.

2. **Background:** Under WIA 20 CFR 664.410, local programs must make the following program elements available to Youth participants:

1. Tutoring, study skills training, and instructions leading to completion of secondary school, including drop out prevention strategies;
2. Alternative secondary school services, as appropriate;
3. Summer employment opportunities;
4. Paid and unpaid work experience;
5. Occupational skill training;
6. Leadership development opportunities;
7. Supportive Services;
8. Adult mentoring;
9. Follow-up services; and
10. Comprehensive guidance

Local programs have the discretion to determine what specific program services will be provided to a Youth participant, based on each participant's objective assessment and individual service strategy (WIA Section 129 (c) (2)).

3. **Substance:** In response to requests and to increase the flexibility to respond to Missouri's workforce challenge, the Division of Workforce Development submitted to the U.S. Department of Labor a request to waive the requirement that local Youth programs provide each of the ten elements of WIA Section 129 (c) (2) as options to Youth participants.

The goal of the waiver is to make provisions for the state of Missouri and Local Workforce Investment Boards (LWIBs) to have the ability to respond very quickly to a region's needs.

Missouri was granted a waiver of prohibition on the requirement to include each of the ten elements as options available to Youth participants in 20 CFR 664.410 through June 30, 2007.

4. **Requirements:** To be approved for this waiver, LWIBs must show the reduction will provide Youth with a better outcome, such as a higher skilled job to meet the demands of businesses, especially in high growth industries and occupations.

Each region must apply to the state with their respective Youth program element waiver request. The request must include a formal recommendation to the LWIB from the local Youth Council. This request must document and identify the need to waive one or more of the elements for the region. Regions must exhaust the search for resources that might provide a program element and/or be able to justify why a program element cannot be provided, or is not needed in their region. The WIB Chair and Chief Local Elected Official will be required to submit a written request to the state.

5. **Action:** This information should be distributed to appropriate staff.
6. **Contact:** If you have any questions regarding this issuance, please contact Randy Cottrell, Manager, Adult and Youth Programs, at (573) 526-8242.
7. **Reference:** WIA (Reference Sec.129 (a) (1) Pg-60), (c) (2) Pg 62 and WIA Regulations 20 CFR 664.410.



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