Purpose

This policy provides guidance on the criteria for youth qualifying for program services through the “requires additional assistance” eligibility category. Specific guidelines and requirements are left to local workforce boards to determine what qualifies as a need for additional assistance. This allows youth to be eligible based on their need for increased support to achieve their educational and career goals.

Policy

Youth who do not meet the eligibility for Categories 1-6 for In-School Youth, and Categories 1-7 for Out-of-School Youth can be qualified for program participation through requiring additional assistance.

Policy Guidelines

In-School
Youth who are attending school, per State definition, can be eligible for program participation if they require additional assistance to complete an educational program, or to secure or hold employment.

Out-of-School
Youth who are not attending school, per State definition, and are low-income based on WIOA criteria, can be eligible for program participation if they require additional assistance to complete an educational program, or to secure or hold employment.

Criteria
PacMtn believes the following factors, along with documentation, are indicators of such need:

Educational Program
- Has missed 20 or more days of school in the most recent academic year
- Drug/Alcohol abuse treatment interfering with attendance in school
- More than four credits behind on diploma
- Has left educational program because of transportation or financial situation

Employment
- Has had two or more interviews without being hired in past 60 days
- Has lost employment placement in past 30 days
- Scores 60 or below on the Workplace Excellence Skills Assessment
- Has not completed WOIS career exploration
Contractors may submit an exception waiver for participants not qualifying under the established criteria for additional assistance needs.

Documentation standards, including acceptable forms of proof, can be found in the Additional Assistance Procedure #7030P.

Any discrepancies arising between PacMtn policy and or procedures with federal and state provisions due to current or future revisions will default to the current minimum federal and state regulations and guidance available. PacMtn policy and or procedures may set forth stricter requirements than provided by federal and state guidance, but in no case will PacMtn policy and or procedures not meet minimum federal and state policy.

References

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014

Training and Employment Guidance Letters (TEGL’s) 23-14 & 08-15
WorkSource System Policy 1019, Revision 4 & Attachment A- Eligibility Handbook
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