	North Carolina Department of Commerce **Division of Workforce Solutions**
	DWS Policy Statement Number: PS 10-2018
	Date: September 25, 2018
	Subject: Definition of WIOA's "Requires Additional Assistance" for Youth Eligibility
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Purpose: To provide North Carolina's definition for "requires additional assistance to complete an educational program or to secure and hold employment" as it relates to eligibility for youth at Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Sections 129 (a)(1)(B)(iii)(VIII), (a)(1)(C)(iv)(VII), (a)(3)(B), and to rescind Policy Statement 11-2015.

Action: Local Workforce Development Boards are to use the following definitions when determining youth eligibility.

In North Carolina, "requires additional assistance to complete an educational program or to secure or hold employment" is defined for In-School Youth, including youth with a disability, who meet the criteria in category one.

1. In-School Youth, ages 14-21, low-income, **and**
   a) Has poor attendance patterns in an educational program during the last 12 calendar months; **or**
   b) Has been expelled from school within the last 12 calendar months; **or**
   c) Has been suspended from school within the last 12 calendar months; **or**
   d) Has below average grades of less than a "C" grade point average; **or**
   e) Has previously been placed in out-of-home care (foster care, group home, or kinship care) for more than 6 months between the ages of 14-21; **or**
   f) Has a currently incarcerated parent(s)/guardian.

In each local area, not more than 5% of the newly enrolled In-School Youth assisted in a given program year may be made eligible based upon WIOA Section 129(a)(3)(B) as a*n individual who requires additional assistance to complete an educational program or to secure or hold employment.* [Section 129(a)(1)(C)(iv)(VII)]

In North Carolina, "a low-income individual who requires additional assistance to enter or complete an educational program or to secure or hold employment" is defined for Out-of-School Youth, including youth with a disability, who meet the criteria in category two.

2. Out-of-School Youth, ages 16-24, low-income **and**
   a) Has dropped out of a post-secondary educational program during the past 12 calendar months; **or**
   b) Has a poor work history, to include no work history, or has been fired from a job in the last 6 calendar months; **or**
   c) Has previously been placed in out-of-home care (foster care, group home, or kinship care) for more than 6 months between the ages of 16-21; **or**
   d) Currently has an incarcerated parent(s)/guardian.

Effective Date: Immediately

Expiration: Indefinite

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