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POLICY BULLETIN

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Subject: Local Definition – Additional Assistance Barrier

Applicable Program: Youth

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This Revision B updates the Policy as a result of the implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA)

As provided for under the WIOA, the FRWIB has revised the local definition of the Additional Assistance Barrier.

The following list defines the criteria for the Additional Assistance Barrier where it has been documented that one of the following specific barriers exists:

1. **Is at risk of dropping out of school** (any one of the following):
 - a. Is in 11th or 12th grade and has not yet passed the High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)
 - b. Is at least two semester classes behind the rate required to graduate on time with your high school class as documented by a school official.
 - c. Has a cumulative GPA of less than 2.0
 - d. Score of “below basic” or “far below basic” on both the English and Math California Standards Test [most current score] or
 - e. Previously dropped out of school, but has since returned to high school
2. **Has experienced recent traumatic events, is a victim of abuse, or resides in an abusive environment, as documented by a school official or professional**
3. **Gang-involved** as documented by gang-related behavior, tattoos, or clothing, association with gang members, or self admits gang membership
4. **Has completed a substance abuse program**

- 5. Poor Employment History** (Out of School ONLY): Has not had the opportunity to gain the necessary knowledge, experience and skills to find and maintain full time stable employment (for more than 13 consecutive weeks) and/or has only been able to access part-time, temporary or seasonal employment
- 6. Family Barriers** (any one of the following):
- a. Has a family history of long term unemployment, i.e. parents/guardians have been unemployed for seven of the past twelve months
 - b. During the past two years, parents/guardians have been unable to find and maintain full time stable employment; these multiple breaks in employment may have required reliance on unemployment, food stamps or other government assistance, or
 - c. Has a family history of long-term public assistance (i.e. family has received CalWORKS/TANF and/or food stamps for one year or more).
- 7. Resides in a non-traditional family setting** (any one of the following):
- a. Being raised in a single parent household, without access to the financial and parenting support of another adult in the home,
 - b. Being raised by a guardian, relative or non-parent responsible for youth's care, or
 - c. Parent is currently in jail or in prison or has been in jail or in prison for six months of the past two years.

Examples of additional documentation verifying a youth requiring additional assistance may include, for example, school records stating that the individual is currently at risk of not completing secondary educational requirements, telephone verification, a written statement from a cognizant agency, Applicant's Statement, case notes of "observable condition", etc. Refer to OD 03-15, Fresno County Title 1 Eligibility Technical Assistance Guide, for further direction on acceptable documentation.