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LOCAL INSTRUCTION NOTICE (LIN): #21-01

TO: WIOA Staff and Contractors

FROM: Dean E. Jones, Director

RE: LIN: #21-01 – WIOA Self-Sufficiency Policy

EFFECTIVE: July 14, 2021

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The GCWDB WIOA Self-Sufficiency Policy has been revised to reflect new Adult and Dislocated Worker Program Economic Self-Sufficiency definitions. The attached policy becomes effective on the date above.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Greenville County Workforce Development Board WIOA Adult Program Self-Sufficiency Policy Effective Date: July 1, 2021

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) requires that local workforce development boards define self-sufficiency levels in order for working individuals or incumbent workers [(WIOA Sec. 134(d)(1)(x)] to receive WIOA training services. A self-sufficiency definition is required for the Adult Program and the Dislocated Worker Program. At a minimum, self-sufficiency for the Adult program is defined as a working individual who earns an annual income that is equal one-hundred percent (100%) of the Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) for the South Metro area. DOL allows for the Dislocated Worker Program self-sufficiency definition to be based on a percentage of the wages earned at the last job held.

The Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) reflects cost of living increases for the Regions and major metro areas by calculating the percentage change in the most recent Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for an area then applying this calculation to each of the previous year's LLSIL figures. The LLSIL is updated each year.

Greenville County's self-sufficiency definitions for the Adult and the Dislocated Worker Programs are as follows:

WIOA Adult Program

An individual will be determined eligible to receive **WIOA Adult Program** training services when he/she:

- Is underemployed and whose annual income is below the self-sufficiency level; and
- Is in need of training services to obtain or retain employment leading to economic self-sufficiency.

SOUTH METRO LLSIL (ANNUAL INCOME)	\$14,139
SOUTH METROL LLSIL HOURLY RATE	\$6.80
GCWDB CURRENT PERCENTAGE OF LLSL	200%
GCWDB CURRENT LLSIL ANNUAL INCOME	\$28,278
GCWDB CURRENT LLSIL HOURLY RATE	\$13.60
MIT LIVING WAGE CALCULATOR HOURLY RATE – GVL COUNTY, SC	\$14.39
MIT LIVING WAGE CALCULATOR ANNUAL INCOME – GVL COUNTY, SC	\$29,931.00
GCWDB PROPOSED ANNUAL INCOME	\$35,347.00
GCWDB PROPOSED HOURLY RATE	\$16.99
PROPOSED GCWDB PERCENTAGE OF LLSIL	250%

The assumption is that the individual's annual income is based on full-time employment for 2080 hours annually.

The WIOA Adult Program defines self-sufficiency as annual earnings at or above 250% of the LLSIL.

WIOA Dislocated Worker Program

The WIOA Dislocated Worker Program defines self-sufficiency as annual earnings that are at least ninety-percent of the wages paid at the last job held.