

DEFINITION USED UNDER WIA OF YOUTH REQUIRING ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE

WIA Section 101(13)(25) defines an eligible youth as an individual who:

1. Is not less than 14 and not more than 21 at time of enrollment;
2. Is a low income individual; and
3. Is within any one of the following categories;
 - a. Deficient in basic literacy skills;
 - b. School dropout
 - c. Homeless, runaway, or foster child;
 - d. Pregnant or parenting;
 - e. Offender;
 - f. Is an at-risk youth who requires additional assistance to:
 - (1) complete an educational program: a youth who is at risk of dropping out of high school as documented by his/her school or a youth who previously dropped out of an educational program OR a youth with poor attendance patterns in an educational program during the last twelve calendar months;
 - OR**
 - (2) secure and hold employment: a high school graduate (or equivalent) who has not held a full-time job for more than three consecutive months and lacks work readiness skills necessary to obtain and retain employment as documented by the youth objective assessment and described in case notes;

AND

Includes at least one of the following characteristics:

- Aged out of Foster Care
- Child of Incarcerated Parent(s)
- Lacks occupational goals/skills
- Disabled: Youth with chronic health problems including learning disabilities
- Migrant Youth
- Limited English Language Proficiency (LEP)
- Chronic behavior problems at school
- Native American
- Court Involved Youth
- Youth at-risk of court involvement
- Refugee
- Substance abuse
- Family Illiteracy
- Victim/witness of domestic violence or other abuse