

**OhioMeansJobs - Lorain County
Workforce Area 4
Youth Requires Additional Assistance Policy**

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Background:

Under WIOA Youth Program Eligibility Policy, in order to provide services under the youth funding stream, the individual must: 1) meet the general eligibility requirements, 2) meet the age requirements, 3) in some instances be a low-income individual, and 4) a person who has one or more barriers to education and/or employment. The WIOA Youth Program Eligibility Policy allows for the local Workforce Development Board to define the barrier for "an individual requiring additional assistance".

The WIOA Youth Program Eligibility Policy, allows this barrier to be used for both in-school and out-of-school youth who also meet the definition of low-income, however the in-school youth category is limited to serving no more than 5% based upon requiring additional assistance.

Policy Statement:

OhioMeansJobs - Lorain County Workforce Area 4's definition of an individual requiring additional assistance to complete an educational program, or to secure and hold employment is as follows:

An individual who has no vocational/employment goals and

- has below average grades; or
- has limited (or no) work history; or
- has been fired from a job in the last year

Or, is an individual who satisfies one or more of the following characteristics;

- First generation high school graduate or enrollee in post-secondary education
- Child of incarcerated parent(s)
- Youth with chronic behavior problems in school
- Youth who is a victim/witness of domestic violence or other abuse
- Youth who faces other serious barrier(s) that must be documented in the case notes of Ohio Workforce Case Management System (OWCMS)