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OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ISSUANCE #09-2010

TO: Grant Recipients
WIA Board Staff

FROM: Richard Gilbertson, Director
Workforce Integrated Programs Division

DATE: May 12, 2010

SUBJECT: 70% and 100% of the Lower Living Standard Income Level

MESSAGE: To transmit the 70% and 100% Lower Living Standard Income Levels (LLSIL) effective May 7, 2010. These levels are used for determining Workforce Investment Act (WIA) eligibility based on family size and income. These figures are also used to determine whether an individual is a member of one of the targeted groups for applicable Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) purposes. This issuance provides the Secretary's annual LLSIL for 2010 and references the current 2009 Health and Human Services "Poverty Guidelines". Congress has taken action to keep the 2009 HHS poverty guidelines in effect until at least May 31, 2010.

Under Title I of the WIA, the Secretary of Labor annually determines the LLSIL for uses defined in the Law. WIA defines the term "Low Income Individual" as one who qualifies under various criteria, including an individual who received income for a six-month period that does not exceed the higher level of the poverty line or 70 percent of the LLSIL. This OETI provides the annual LLSIL for 2010.

The LLSIL is used for several purposes under WIA: specifically, WIA Section 101(25) defines the term "low income individual for eligibility purposes". WIA section 127(b)(2)(C) and 132(b)(1)(B)(v)(IV) define the terms "disadvantaged adult" and "disadvantaged youth" in terms of the poverty line or LLSIL for purposes of State allotments. The local WIBs use the LLSIL for determining eligibility for youth, eligibility for employed adult workers for certain services and for the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC).

Under WIA, 100 percent of the LLSIL is used to determine self-sufficiency as noted at 20 CFR, Part 663.230 and WIA section 134(d)(3)(A)(ii). The 100 percent LLSIL is the minimum figure locals must set for determining whether employment leads to self-sufficiency under WIA programs.

Applicants who have applied to the WIA programs since the above effective date of May 7, 2010, and were determined ineligible based on previous Poverty Income Guidelines and the 70% LLSILs, may now qualify for WIA. Applications need to be reviewed and/or new eligibility determinations made.

ACTION: This OETI is to become a part of your permanent records and made available to appropriate staff and subrecipients.

REVISIONS: This OETI only rescinds the LLSIL figures contained in OETI #5-2009. The HHS Poverty Income Guidelines of OETI #5-2009 are still in effect and will remain so until further notification.

INQUIRIES: If you have any questions about this issuance, please contact Jackie Younge at jackie.younge@oesc.state.ok.us or call 405/557-5314.

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cc: Workforce Integrated Programs Division
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Poverty Income Guidelines
70% Lower Living Standard Income Levels
100% LLSIL for Determining Self-Sufficiency for Oklahoma

Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines Published January 23, 2009
 Department of Labor's 70% and 100% LLSIL Effective May 7, 2010

| Size Of Family | 2009 HHS Poverty Guidelines | 2010 Metro 70% LLSIL | 2010 Non-Metro 70% LLSIL | 100% LLSIL Self-Sufficiency | |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| | | | | Metro | Non-Metro |
| 1 | \$ 10,830 | \$ 8,331 | \$ 8,151 | \$ 11,901 | \$ 11,644 |
| 2 | \$ 14,570 | \$ 13,650 | \$ 13,353 | \$ 19,500 | \$ 19,075 |
| 3 | \$ 18,310 | \$ 18,736 | \$ 18,326 | \$ 26,765 | \$ 26,180 |
| 4 | \$ 22,050 | \$ 23,130 | \$ 22,623 | \$ 33,043 | \$ 32,318 |
| 5 | \$ 25,790 | \$ 27,299 | \$ 26,697 | \$ 38,999 | \$ 38,139 |
| 6 | \$ 29,530 | \$ 31,928 | \$ 31,222 | \$ 45,611 | \$ 44,603 |
| 7 | \$ 33,270 | \$ 36,557 | \$ 35,747 | \$ 52,223 | \$ 51,067 |
| 8 | \$ 37,010 | \$ 41,186 | \$ 40,272 | \$ 58,835 | \$ 57,531 |
| For each additional family member add | \$ 3,740 | \$ 4,629 | \$ 4,525 | \$ 6,612 | \$ 6,464 |

INSTRUCTIONS: Use the above tables to determine economically disadvantaged status according to family size. Compare the family income to the HHS Poverty Guidelines or the 70% LLSIL, whichever is greater.

The 100% LLSIL is to determine the minimum level for establishing self-sufficiency criteria at the local level. This is the minimum figure locals must set for determining whether employment leads to self-sufficiency under WIA programs.

METRO COUNTIES INCLUDE: Canadian, Cleveland, Comanche, Creek, Garfield, Logan, McClain, Oklahoma, Osage, Pottawatomie, Rogers, Sequoyah, Tulsa, and Wagoner.