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OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ISSUANCE #05-2009

TO: Grant Recipients
WIA Board Staff

FROM: Richard Gilbertson, Director
Workforce Integrated Programs Division

DATE: March 27, 2009

SUBJECT: HHS Poverty Income Guidelines and the 70% and 100% LLSIL for 2009

MESSAGE: To transmit the HHS Poverty Income Guidelines published **January 23, 2009** and the 70% and 100% Lower Living Standard Income Levels (LLSIL) effective **March 26, 2009**. 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.

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 2009 and the 2009 Health and Human Services "Poverty Guidelines."

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 need 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 dates, 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.

RECISIONS: This OETI rescinds OETI #9-2008 HHS Poverty Income Guidelines and the 70% and 100% LLSIL for 2008.

INQUIRIES: If you have any questions about this issuance, please contact Tami Decker, Workforce Integrated Programs Division, tdecker@oesc.state.ok.us or (405) 962-7595.

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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 March 26, 2009

| Size Of Family | 2009 HHS Poverty Guidelines | 2009 Metro 70% LLSIL | 2009 Non-Metro 70% LLSIL | 100% LLSIL Self-Sufficiency | |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| | | | | Metro | Non-Metro |
| 1 | \$ 10,830 | \$ 8,104 | \$ 7,815 | \$ 11,577 | \$ 11,164 |
| 2 | \$ 14,570 | \$ 13,278 | \$ 12,802 | \$ 18,969 | \$ 18,289 |
| 3 | \$ 18,310 | \$ 18,225 | \$ 17,571 | \$ 26,036 | \$ 25,101 |
| 4 | \$ 22,050 | \$ 22,500 | \$ 21,690 | \$ 32,143 | \$ 30,986 |
| 5 | \$ 25,790 | \$ 26,556 | \$ 25,597 | \$ 37,937 | \$ 36,567 |
| 6 | \$ 29,530 | \$ 31,058 | \$ 29,935 | \$ 44,369 | \$ 42,764 |
| 7 | \$ 33,270 | \$ 35,560 | \$ 34,273 | \$ 50,801 | \$ 48,961 |
| 8 | \$ 37,010 | \$ 40,062 | \$ 38,611 | \$ 57,233 | \$ 55,158 |
| For each additional family member add | \$ 3,740 | \$ 4,502 | \$ 4,338 | \$ 6,432 | \$ 6,197 |

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.