

## Priority of Service

### Priority group #6

“Low income” is defined in WIOA as 70% of the Lower Living Standard Income Level or (LLSIL) established every year by the Department of Labor. This does not include any additional assistance the individual may be receiving i.e, unemployment benefits, social security benefits, etc. WSB has a large population outside the basic federal income guidelines parameters but has demonstrated need for assistance to become self-sufficient and less vulnerable to associated economic hardships and instability.

WSB has established Priority Group 6 which applies to individuals whose income is above WIOA’s income threshold but below Workforce Solutions Borderplex Living Wage<sup>1</sup>. This policy and methodology allows WSB to serve individuals who do have any income but not enough to afford skills training on their own but are also not eligible for WIOA funds.

Below is an example of how this policy is applied:

Appendix B

Workforce Solutions Borderplex  
Living Wage Calculation 2018  
Effective August 16, 2018

Family Size	Living Wage Amount
1 adult	21,183
1 adult 1 child	44,589
1 adult 2 children	53,683
1 adult 3 children	66,603
1 adult 4 children	80,190
1 adult 5 children	96,549
20.40% For each additional child	

Family Size	Living Wage Amount
2 adults (1 working)	35376
2 adults (1 working) 1 child	44811
2 adults (1 working) 2 children	49707
2 adults (1 working) 3 children	55982
2 adults (1 working) 4 children	62101
2 adults (1 working) 5 children	68888
10.93% For each additional child	

Family Size	Living Wage Amount
2 adults (both working)	35,376
2 adults (both working) 1 child	50,841
2 adults (both working) 2 children	58,805
2 adults (both working) 3 children	68,059
2 adults (both working) 4 children	78,717
2 adults (both working) 5 children	91,044
15.66% For each additional child	

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A family of four (2 adults and 2 children) are requesting WIOA services. The husband and wife are both working, the husband is earning \$40,000 and the wife is earning \$16,000. The total household income is \$56,000, they fall under the living wage amount listed above of \$58,805 for two adults (both working) and two children. Therefore, they are eligible under priority group #6.

<sup>1</sup> WSB Living Wage: The hourly rate that an individual must earn to support their family without the need for public assistance. It reflects geographic costs related to a family’s likely minimum food, childcare, health insurance, housing, transportation and other necessities. See WSB Policy Manual for the methodology on determining the Living Wage.