

WorkSource Information Notice (WIN)

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TO: Workforce Development System Partners

FROM: Gary Kamimura, Workforce Policy Director

SUBJECT: Initial changes to Services, Knowledge & Information Exchange System (SKIES) to align with Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) implementation

Purpose:

To announce the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) to Workforce Investment and Opportunities Act (WIOA) transition steps, which includes capturing programs and services in SKIES effective July 1, 2015 as needed for federal reporting.

Action Required:

Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs) and their contractors, as well as Employment Security Regional Directors, must distribute this guidance broadly throughout the system to ensure that staff and partners in the WorkSource System are familiar with its content and requirements.

Content:

WIA participants enrolled in SKIES prior to July 1, 2015

WIA participants must be allowed to continue receiving WIA services that were identified within their original individual employment plan (IEP), even if those services are not allowable under WIOA. Staff must continue to affiliate services/activities provided to WIA participants under the WIA program in which they were enrolled until those participants exit. WIA participants are “grandfathered” into WIOA and no changes to their program is needed in SKIES. They are also eligible to receive any newly defined WIOA services as they become available. WIOA services that do not fit within the existing WIA service definitions are being reviewed and specific guidelines are expected to be issued by July 15, 2015.

WIA programs will continue to be available in SKIES until July 15, 2015, but only for modifications to existing enrollments/services and not for new enrollments.

WIOA participants enrolled in SKIES July 1, 2015 and beyond

On July 1, 2015, staff will document new WIOA enrollee's using the following programs in SKIES:

- WIOA Adult
- WIOA Dislocated Worker
- WIOA In School Youth
- WIOA Out of School Youth

Effective July 1, 2015, grantees must make all new eligibility determinations under the WIOA framework for participants enrolling on or after that date and must follow all WIOA requirements. Guidance on WIOA program eligibility requirements are listed in the reference section of this document. Staff giving services to new WIOA enrollees will use existing WIA services and program validation templates in SKIES.

Wagner-Peyser

WIOA Title III amended the Wagner-Peyser Act, which applies to Employment Service (ES) participants. WIOA did not change ES from being a universal access program for all job seekers. Therefore, ES eligibility criteria did not change and programs should continue to provide participants with the full array of labor exchange services after WIOA takes effect on July 1, 2015 and use the existing program and service codes accordingly.

Federal Reporting

WIA and WIOA enrolled participants will be reported in the current Workforce Investment Act Standardized Record Data (WIASRD) until a new performance report is approved and the system is updated. WIOA specifies that performance reporting provisions go into effect on July 1, 2016.

References:

[Training and Employment Guidance Letter \(TEGL\) 38-14](#): Operational Guidance to Support the Orderly Transition of Workforce Investment Act Participants, Funds, and Subrecipient Contracts to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

[Training and Employment Notice \(TEN\) 31-14](#): Early Operating Guidance for Implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA or Opportunity Act)

Website:

http://www.wa.gov/esd/1stop/policies/state_guidance.htm

Attachments:

None.

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