

West Central Region Local Policy			
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Priority of Service	8/28/19		Programs

Priority of service is the right of eligible, covered persons to take precedence over eligible, non-covered persons in obtaining services funded, in whole or part, by the U.S. Department of Labor. This priority means:

- The covered person receives access to the service or resource earlier in time than the non-covered person; or
- If the service or resource is limited, the covered person receives access to the service or resource instead of, or before, the non-covered person.

With respect to funds allocated to a local area for adult employment and training activities under WIOA, priority shall be given in the following order:

#### Priority Level One

- Veterans and other adults who are recipients of public assistance.
  - Veteran – an individual who served in active duty in the military, naval, or air service and was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.
    - This includes full-time National Guard service. It also includes service with a Reserve component. In both cases, this must be active duty service, rather than training.
    - Spouses of eligible veterans are entitled to priority access.
    - Priority consideration is also recognized for the spouses of eligible veterans who are missing in action, a captured POW, or a detainee of a foreign power.
  - Recipient of public assistance- an individual who receives, or in the last six months has received, or is a member of a family that is receiving, or in the past six months has received, assistance through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (TANF), Supplemental Security Income Program (SSI), or state or local income-based public assistance.

#### Priority Level Two

- Low income Individuals who are not recipients of public assistance but who are unemployed and possess barriers to employment. Those with more barriers will be given preference over those with less barriers.
  - Low Income – An individual who:

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- Receives, or in the past six months has received, or is a member of a family that has received , assistance through SNAP, TANF, SSI, or a state or local income-based program.
- Is a member of a family with an income that does not exceed the higher of the poverty level or 70% of the lower living standard income level.
- Qualifies as a homeless individual (Violence Against Women Act of 1994) or a homeless child or youth (McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act).
- Receives or is eligible to receive a free or reduced lunch under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act.
- Is a foster child on behalf of whom state or local government payments are made.
- Is an individual with a disability whose own income meets the requirements for cash payment or income level requirements as described above, but who is a member of a family whose income does not meet such requirements.

For individuals that need staff assisted services only, staff will complete a basic WIOA enrollment for that purpose without requiring the individual's income. If it is later determined that the individual needs services beyond staff assisted, the individual will need to meet one of the priority levels and the income must be added to the WIOA MOJobs application.