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**OKLAHOMA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ISSUANCE #05-2016**

**TO:** Workforce Development Board Chairs  
Workforce Development Board Staff  
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**FROM:** Erin E. Risley-Baird, Executive Director

**DATE:** September 16, 2016

**SUBJECT:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Poverty Guidelines and U.S. Department of Labor's 2016 70% and 100% Lower Living Standard Income Levels (LLSIL)

**PURPOSE:** The United States Department of Health and Human Services has released updated poverty guidelines. The following table incorporates the updated figures that may be used to calculate income levels to determine eligibility for participation in various state and federally funded programs and to prioritize services when funding is limited.

**REFERENCES:**

- Federal Register/Volume 81, No. 58/Friday, March 25, 2016/Notices, [pp. 16217-16223];
- Federal Register/Volume 81, No. 15/Monday, January 25, 2016/Notices, [pp. 4036-4037];
- WIOA Public Law 113-128, Section 3(36)(A)(B);
- WIOA Public Law 113-128, Section 127(b)(2)(C);
- WIOA Public Law 113-128, Section 132(b)(1)(B)(v)(IV);
- WIOA Public Law 113-128, Section 134(c)(3)(E);
- WIOA Public Law 113-128, Section 134(d)(3); and
- Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas, July 2015.

**MESSAGE:** The LLSIL is used for several purposes under WIOA. Specifically, WIOA defines the term "low income individual" for eligibility purposes, and the terms "disadvantaged youth" and "disadvantaged adult" in terms of the poverty line or LLSIL for State formula allotments. The governor and state/local workforce development boards (LWDBs) use the LLSIL for determining eligibility for youth and adults for certain services.

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**Poverty Income Guidelines**  
**70% Lower Living Standard Income Levels**  
**100% LLSIL for Determining Self-Sufficiency Oklahoma WIOA Programs**

Size Of Family	2016 HHS Poverty Guidelines	2016 Non-Metro 70% LLSIL	2016 Metro 70% LLSIL	2016 100% LLSIL Self-Sufficiency	
				Non-Metro	Metro
1	\$11,880	\$ 8,970	\$ 9,027	\$ 12,815	\$ 12,895
2	\$16,020	\$ 14,695	\$ 14,790	\$ 20,993	\$ 21,129
3	\$20,160	\$ 20,169	\$ 20,300	\$ 28,813	\$ 29,000
4	\$24,300	\$ 24,898	\$ 25,062	\$ 35,568	\$ 35,803
5	\$28,440	\$ 29,382	\$ 29,579	\$ 41,974	\$ 42,256
6	\$32,580	\$ 34,361	\$ 34,595	\$ 49,087	\$ 49,421
7	\$36,730				
8	\$40,890				
For each additional family member add \$4,160					

**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 used to determine the minimum level for establishing self-sufficiency criteria at the local level. These are the minimum figures locals must use for determining whether employed adults are in need of intensive services in order to obtain or retain employment leading to self-sufficiency.

**METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL ANALYSIS COUNTIES INCLUDE:** Canadian, Comanche, Cleveland, Cotton, Creek, Garfield, Grady, LeFlore, Lincoln, Logan, McClain, Oklahoma, Okmulgee, Osage, Pawnee, Rogers, Sequoyah, Tulsa, and Wagoner.

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