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FROM: Cody Waits, Executive Director
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TO: Local Workforce Development Area Administrators/Service Providers

SUBJECT: 2026 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Poverty Guidelines and U.S. Department Labor (DOL) 70% Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) Information

Purpose: To provide local workforce development areas and service providers with annually updated HHS Poverty Guidelines and DOL 70% Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) information.

General Information: The table below is provided for your convenience in determining income eligibility for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Title I-B Programs.

For Poverty Guideline purposes, for each family over (8), add \$5,680. For 70% LLSIL purposes, for each family member over (8), add \$6,913 for Metro and \$6,677 for non-Metro.

Family Size	Poverty Guideline (Effective January 15,2026)	70% LLSIL Metro (Effective April 22, 2026)	70% LLSIL Non-Metro (Effective April 22, 2026)
1	\$15,960	\$12,441	\$12,029
2	\$21,640	\$20,384	\$19,705
3	\$27,320	\$27,978	\$27,046
4	\$33,000	\$34,542	\$33,386
5	\$38,680	\$40,767	\$39,399
6	\$44,360	\$47,680	\$46,076
7	\$50,040	\$54,593	\$52,753
8	\$55,720	\$61,506	\$59,430

The following counties in Arkansas are Metro: Benton, Craighead, Crawford, Crittenden, Faulkner, Garland, Grant, Little River, Lonoke, Madison, Perry, Poinsett, Pulaski, Saline, Sebastian, and Washington. All other counties are non-Metro. <https://www.discover.arkansas.gov/Local-Area-Definitions>

Action Required: Please ensure that this information is provided to appropriate staff.

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