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**TO:** Local Workforce Development Area Administrators/Service Providers

**SUBJECT:** 2016 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Poverty Guidelines and U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) 70% Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) Information

- Purpose:** To provide local workforce development areas and service providers with a guide to the 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.

Family Size	Poverty Guideline (Effective 01-25-16)	70% LLSIL	70% LLSIL
		<u>Metro</u> (Effective 03-25-16)	<u>Non-Metro</u> (Effective 03-25-16)
1	\$11,880	\$ 9,027	\$ 8,970
2	\$16,020	\$14,790	\$14,695
3	\$20,160	\$20,300	\$20,169
4	\$24,300	\$25,062	\$24,898
5	\$28,440	\$29,579	\$29,382
6	\$32,580	\$34,595	\$34,361
7	\$36,730	\$39,611	\$39,340
8	\$40,890	\$44,627	\$44,319

For Poverty Guideline purposes, for each family member over eight (8), add \$4,160. For 70% LLSIL purposes, for each family member over eight (8), add \$5,016 for Metro and \$4,979 for Non-Metro.

Based on Census 2010, effective in 2015, the following counties in Arkansas are Metro: Benton, Cleveland, Craighead, Crawford, Crittenden, Faulkner, Garland, Grant, Jefferson, Lincoln, Little River, Lonoke, Madison, Miller, Perry, Poinsett, Pulaski, Saline, Sebastian, and Washington. All other counties are Non-Metro.

3. **Action Required:** Please ensure that this information is provided to appropriate staff.
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5. **Expiration Date:** Continuing