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**TO:** Local Workforce Development Board Directors

**SUBJECT:** Funding Allocation Methodology for WIOA High Concentration of Eligible Youth

- I. **Purpose:** To award funding for assistance to the Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDB) for “Eligible Youth” found in the WIOA law, Title 1, section 129. Eligible Youth are defined as individuals 16-24 years of age, who are considered low-income persons, and who have one or more of the following risk factors:
  - A.** Deficient in basic literacy skills;
  - B.** A school dropout;
  - C.** Within the age of compulsory attendance, but has not attended school for at least the most recent complete school year calendar quarter;
  - D.** Homeless, a runaway, or foster child;
  - E.** Pregnant, or a parent;
  - F.** An offender;
  - G.** An individual who requires additional assistance to complete an educational program, or secure and hold employment.
  
- II. **General Information:** It is the Department of Workforce Services’ intent to categorize and prioritize risk factors that can be documented with reliable data from the following: 2010 Census; Arkansas Department of Education; Arkansas Department of Human Services; Arkansas Crime Information Center; and the Arkansas Department of Health.

**Part 1: ADWS Methodology to Define WIOA High Concentration of Eligible Youth for Additional Funding**

- A. Count the individuals for each county in each of the categories we have available data.
- B. Group the State's 75 counties into Local Workforce Investment Areas (LWIA), and add the total number for each county in the LWIA to determine the total number in each LWIA. There will be individuals counted more than once because they fit more than one category, but that will serve to weight more heavily areas that have more individuals with multiple eligibility factors. (In all category calculations for the City of Little Rock LWIA and Central LWIA, a percentage of Pulaski County totals are used.) (Percentage used for the City of Little Rock LWIA is City of Little Population divided by Total Pulaski County Population)
  
- C. Divide the LWIA's weighted number of "Eligible Youth” by the LWIA's total population to determine what weighted percentage of the LWIA's total population consists of Eligible Youth.

D. We propose any area that has a weighted percentage of Eligible Youth, as compared to its overall population, that is equal to or greater than \*28% will be deemed as having a "High Concentration of Eligible Youth" for purposes of the funding formula.

E. Thus each LWIA that has a weighted percentage of Eligible Youth equal to \*28% or more will share in the funds. This is based on a formula of Total Eligible Youth divided by the total dollars available, and then uses that multiplier to determine each districts amount to be awarded.

**Part 2: Funding Per LWIB based on ADWS Youth High Risk Percentage**

Summary and Allocation of Proposed High Concentration Methodology					Allotment
	% of Est.d Eligible Youth	> or = 28%	Factor	Percentage	\$150,000.00
Little Rock	27.98%				
Central	27.39%				
Eastern	31.53%	31.53%	0.035287	32.70%	\$ 49,057.27
Northeast	29.91%	29.91%	0.019054	17.66%	\$ 26,490.13
North Central	26.51%				
Northwest	30.21%	30.21%	0.022062	20.45%	\$ 30,672.18
Western	29.94%	29.94%	0.019421	18.00%	\$ 27,000.24
West Central	28.55%	28.55%	0.005506	5.10%	\$ 7,655.21
Southwest	28.38%	28.38%	0.003808	3.53%	\$ 5,294.03
Southeast	28.28%	28.28%	0.002756	2.55%	\$ 3,830.95
			0.11	100.00%	\$150,000.00

**Note: All awarded funds must be expended by June 30, 2019.**

**III. Action Required:** Questions regarding the allocation methodology or funding may be submitted to Kris Jones, ADWS EA Assistant Director at [kristopher.jones@arkansas.gov](mailto:kristopher.jones@arkansas.gov).

**IV. Expiration Date:** June 30, 2019