

Alabama Workforce Investment System

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SUBJECT: Priority of Services Under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA)

1. **Purpose.** To transmit the State's policy on establishing criteria by which a local area can determine the availability of funds and the process by which any priority of services for adults will be applied under WIA section 134(d)(4)(E).
2. **Discussion.** WIA section 134(d)(4)(E) states, in part, "In the event that funds allocated to a local area for adult employment and training activities . . . are limited, priority shall be given to recipients of public assistance and other low-income individuals for intensive services and training services. The appropriate local board and the Governor shall direct the one-stop operators in the local area with regard to making determinations related to such priority."

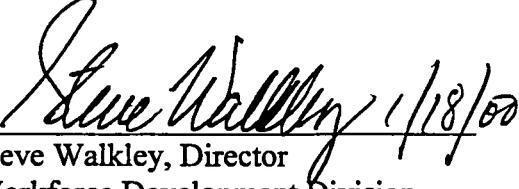
20 CFR 663.600(b) states, in part, "Since funding is generally limited, States and local areas must establish criteria by which local areas can determine the availability of funds and the process by which any priority will be applied..." Due to an anticipated scarcity of WIA adult funds, the Alabama Workforce Investment Board has established priority criteria for at least the first year of the five year plan. Public assistance recipients and other individuals with low incomes, as defined in WIA section 101(25)(A)-(F), will receive the highest priority for receipt of intensive and training services when other resources are not available.

3. **Action.** The process for applying the priority does not necessarily mean that only the recipients of public assistance and other low income individuals may receive WIA adult funded intensive and training services. Local boards may establish a written process that gives priority for services to recipients of public assistance and other low-income individuals while still serving other individuals. In addition, policies have been established under the current Wagner-Peyser plan to ensure service priority to veterans and persons with disabilities

Local workforce investment boards should review and consider the Governor's policy regarding the establishment of written policies to ensure

that WIA service requirements are met with regard to situations where funds are determined to be limited.

4. **Contact.** Any questions regarding this Directive should be referred to Ray Clenney, Workforce Development Division, at (334) 242-5300.


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