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**OFFICE OF FAMILIES & CHILDREN LETTER #85A**  
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**TO:** Directors, County Department of Job and Family Services

**FROM:** Trudie Bormann, Acting Deputy Director  
Office of Families and Children

**SUBJECT:** **ARRA Workforce Investment Act Summer Youth Programs: Clarification for Food Assistance**

We have received further clarification from the Office of Workforce Development indicating that all of the ARRA Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Summer Youth Programs are classified under WIA regulations as *work experience programs*, not *on-the-job training* programs.

As a result, we have sought further clarification from the United States Department of Agriculture – Food Nutrition Services (FNS). **FNS has confirmed that *work experience earnings from the WIA summer youth programs are not counted in the food assistance budget.***

The only WIA Title I income or earnings countable in the food assistance budget are earnings from on-the-job training programs for participants age 19 and older, pursuant to 7 U.S.C. §2014 (1). All other allowances, earnings and payments to individuals participating in programs under Title I of WIA are exempt, pursuant to Section 181(a)(2) of WIA [29 U.S.C. §2931 (a)(2)].

Case entry instructions for cash and food assistance will be issued via a CRIS-E bulletin in the near future.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the Office of Families and Children Program Policy Services Unit using the TANF\_FSTA mailbox or at 1-866-886- 3537 (option 6).

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