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TO: Workforce Development Board Directors
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FROM: John B. Weber, Deputy Director 
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RE: Waivers for WIOA Youth Participants

On December 21, 2017, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services received a letter from the United States Department of Labor (USDOL) fully approving Ohio's requested waivers listed below:

- Waiver of Section 129 (a)(4) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and 20 CFR 681.410 which requires that the local workforce development area (local area) expend at least 75 percent of local area WIOA youth funds to provide services to out-of-school youth. This waiver allows the State to satisfy the 75 percent expenditure threshold for out-of-school youth using a combination of WIOA and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds.
- Waiver of Section 129 (a)(4) of WIOA and 20 CFR 681.410 to allow calculation of the 75 percent out-of-school youth expenditure threshold at the State level rather than local level; and
- Waiver of 20 CFR 681.550 to allow local workforce development boards (WDB) to use individual training accounts (ITA) for in-school youth.

DOL has approved these waivers through Program Year (PY) 2019 or June 30, 2020, consistent with the approval period of Ohio's four-year WIOA state plan.

Local WDBs and Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program (CCMEP) lead agencies may begin to develop and implement ITAs for in-school youth. Local WDB directors should contact the lead agencies and/or youth program providers to coordinate this activity and ensure local area policies pertaining to ITAs will be adhered to. By using an ITA, the local WDB does not have to competitively procure training services funded by WIOA for in-school youth. However, training services must still be provided in a manner which maximizes informed consumer choice in selecting an eligible training provider. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Policy Letter (WIOAPL) No. 15-11 (and soon to be published WIOAPL No. 15-11.1) provides more information regarding the use of ITAs.

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A CCMEP Procedure Letter, as well as a WIOA Policy Letter, are forthcoming which will provide additional guidance as how these waivers affect Ohio Administrative Code rules and WIOA policies.

If you have any questions, please contact Julie Wirt, Chief, Bureau of Employment and Training Program Management, at Julie.Wirt@jfs.ohio.gov or (614) 752-3228.

Thank you.