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SUBJECT: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

The U.S. Congress has passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to stimulate the economy. As a part of that stimulus, the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) received substantial dollars to provide additional workforce development services for Ohio's citizens.

The WIA eligibility requirements for ARRA dollars are not different for the adult and dislocated worker programs. The youth program eligibility requirements are the same with one exception, the age of youth who participate with ARRA funds has been expanded to 24 years of age. That means the eligibility guidance provided in Workforce Investment Guidance Letter 6-2000, WIA Eligibility Determination and Documentation, will apply to your ARRA funded participants (with the one exception for youth referenced above).

There have been questions regarding the documentation requirements for eligibility for ARRA participants. Those requirements do not change from your local WIA formula funded programs. Workforce Investment Act Letter 27, Source Documentation for WIA Eligibility, apply to eligibility for ARRA funded participants. Please remember that if you can establish eligibility with a single piece of required documentation, you do not need to pursue any further documentation.

You can find these policies on our website at:  
[http://jfs.ohio.gov/workforce/workforceprof/policy\\_info.stm#policy](http://jfs.ohio.gov/workforce/workforceprof/policy_info.stm#policy).

If you have any questions, please send them to [wiaqna@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:wiaqna@jfs.ohio.gov).

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