

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Script – 2016

Are you looking for a job? Do you need more money? Then WIOA may be right for you!

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, or WIOA, provides eligible job seekers with employment workshops, assessments, job search and job development assistance, and short-term training assistance to grow their earnings.

This video will provide you with information on our goal, services, your WIOA team, who should apply for the program, and the next steps to enroll.

Our goal is to assist you in increasing your income. WIOA offers an array of services to assist you in meeting this goal.

Your case manager will use assessments to identify your interests and skills and will help you in determining areas of growth. They will then assist you in creating an employment plan with the steps needed to reach your employment goals.

Employment counselors will assist with your resume and interview skills. Job developers will help you with your job search and may be able to connect you with area employers. You may be able to access short-term training in a high growth field, as well as possible on-the-job training and work experiences to develop your skills in the workplace.

Your WIOA team will include employment counselors, case managers, job developers and educational institutions that work together to ensure you're getting the best services possible to increase your earnings.

So tell us, why you want to increase your income? Finding a job and participating in training takes commitment and may take some time. Take a moment to write down why you are doing this to share with your case manager to keep you focused throughout the process.

There are certain eligibility criteria to join WIOA. More information and the documents required for enrollment are available in the WIOA Intake Packet provided that is provided on the website.

You must be 18 years of age or older, authorized to work in the United States, and able to meet selective service requirements if you are a male born after 1960.

To be eligible as an adult, you need to meet one of the following criteria:

- Receiving public assistance in the last six months;
- Meet income requirements based on your employment status, family size, and household earnings;
- In foster care;
- Homeless; or
- Have a disability and whose individual income meets income requirements.

Income requirements for the items in red are outlined on Page 2 of the Intake Packet.

To be eligible as a dislocated worker you need to meet one of the following criteria:

- Have been laid off or received notice of layoff and eligible for unemployment insurance or can show attachment to the workforce;
- Have been previously self-employed and your business closed due to bankruptcy or natural disaster;
- Have been dependent on a family members income that is no longer able to provide support and you are now underemployed or unemployed; or
- The spouse of a member of the armed forces on active duty whose employment was affected by relocation or who is unemployed or underemployed.

See Page 2 of the Intake Packet for details.

If you are not eligible for WIOA services, you can still access employment services through the **SkillSource** Centers for basic employment counseling, workshops, and resume and job search assistance.

Your next steps will be to return to the website to print and complete the WIOA Intake Packet, collect your eligibility documents, and sign up for a screening at your at your local **SkillSource** Center.

After the screener has met with you and ensured your eligibility, you will be contacted by your case manager within ten business days. He or she will send you information on the assessments and how to learn more about your field of interest.

After you meet with your case manager, he or she will schedule you for the Work Keys assessment to review your skills. You will discuss labor market information to determine the demand in your field and develop a plan with the steps to reach your employment goal.

Then your case manager will assist with your resume and connect you to a job developer that may be able to connect you with local employers in your field.

You and your case manager may determine the need for training to receive a credential based on your prior education and experience as well as labor market demands. You will review the Eligible Training Provider List and receive forms that will need to be completed by the training provider and submitted and approved by your case manager. Please note that WIOA cannot pay for training started prior to signed authorization.

Each activity in WIOA is focused on assisting you in being successful. Throughout enrollment, you and your case manager will communicate regularly to ensure you are receiving the assistance you need to gain employment.

Increasing your earnings and connecting you to the services and resources to get there is our top priority. We look forward to working with you and helping you to reach your employment goals.