



**Local Workforce Innovation And Opportunity Act (WIOA) Policy No. 2017-PL-04**

**To:** All Delegate Agencies, One-Stops and Sector Centers

**From:**   
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**Subject:** ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY LEVEL

**Date:** March 30, 2017

**Purpose:**

To establish a minimum self-sufficiency level for WIOA customers to aspire to achieve and to establish an income level for underemployed workers to receive WIOA training services.

**References:**

Illinois Department of Commerce WIOA POLICY 15-WIOA-4.2 October 29, 2015

U.S. Department of Labor Training and Employment Guidance Letter WIOA No. 19-16

U.S. Department of Labor WIOA sec 134 (c) (3) (A)

**Background:**

Under WIOA, training services may be made available to employed and unemployed adults and dislocated workers who, among other criteria, are:

- Unlikely to obtain or retain employment that leads to **economic self-sufficiency** or wages comparable to or higher than wages from previous employment through career services, and
- Are in need of training to obtain or retain employment leading to **economic self-sufficiency** or wages comparable to or higher than wages from previous employment.

**POLICY:**

The **economic self-sufficiency level** for Cook County is defined as having a family income equal to or exceeding 200% of the yearly Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL). The Department of Labor updates the LLSIL every year. Currently, the LLSIL for April 201-March 31, 2017 is:

<b>Family Size</b>	<b>100% of LLSIL</b>	<b>200% of LLSIL</b>
1	\$13,687	\$27,374
2	\$22,440	\$44,880
3	\$30,794	\$61,588
4	\$38,019	\$76,038
5	\$44,869	\$89,738
6	\$52,476	\$104,952
7 or more	<i>Add \$7,607 for each additional member</i>	

**Effective Date:**

Immediately upon Board approval.