Attachment 11

Sub-state Monitoring Plan and Policy



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Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Policy

SUB-STATE MONITORING POLICY FOR WIOA ADULT, DISLOCATED WORKER AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

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INQUIRIES

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this Issuance is to establish a protocol for programmatic monitoring as described in the Workforce Development Board (WDB) approved local plan, Missouri Division of Workforce Development Issuances, and to outline the monitoring tools used. This Issuance also establishes policy and procedures to programmatically monitor stand-alone programs for Youth. This Issuance rescinds Issuance 2022-01

BACKGROUND

This Issuance is statutorily required and implements the WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act) program monitoring policy. This issuance replaces Issuance no. 2017-014, Modification 2. This issuance is based on Missouri Office of Workforce Development (OWD) Issuance No. 10-2023, Statewide Sub-State Monitoring Policy. This new issuance requires only an annual fiscal monitoring and rescinds the quarterly monitoring.

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I. PROGRAM MONITORING

This issuance will follow OWD Issuance No. 10-2023, Statewide Sub-State Monitoring, or other current guidance on the topic located at jobs.mo.gov/dwdissuances. Independent monitors must submit annual reports by June 30 each program year to the Local WDB and CEO. The following monitoring reports are required to be presented at a Board meeting and documented in meeting minutes: One-Stop Operator, Programmatic, Financial, Equal Opportunity, Performance and Special Initiatives/Grants. Areas to cover in monitoring reports include, but are not limited to, adequacy of assessment, planning of activities and services, coordination with One-Stop Delivery System partners to meet comprehensive needs/outcomes. The regulations implementing WIOA require that when monitoring identifies problems, those issues must be resolved by prompt and appropriate corrective actions taken or required for improvement. These programmatic and financial reviews, conducted during program operation, include comprehensive reviews of participant files. selected using random sampling techniques, compliance issues, questionnaires and on-site visits as appropriate, and financial monitoring to include accounting processes. Local monitors will complete quarterly monitoring reviews, reports will be completed for each monitoring. The monitoring will include a comprehensive review of the participants file including data validation and equal opportunity monitoring.

OWD Issuance No. 10-2023, this Issuance, and other pertinent Issuances shall be utilized. Monitoring is to include periodic review to assure compliance regarding program practices and expenditures.

II. MONITORING PROCESS

- Monitoring shall be performed by local monitors from the Planning Department of the Workforce Development Board who are not engaged in the delivery of services to employers and job seekers. If Workforce Development Board personnel are performing monitoring functions, they are subject to the conforming to the Workforce Development Board's Conflict-of-Interest policies.
- Monitoring shall be performed quarterly, and the results of the monitoring shall be
 presented in an annual Monitoring Report to the CEO and the Budget and Oversight
 Committee of the Workforce Development Board (WDB), who shall make a report
 to the entire WDB at the appropriate WDB meeting.
- Monitoring shall determine the compliance of programs with applicable federal, state, and WDB policies.
- 4. Monitors will conduct a minimum quarterly Programmatic Monitoring Reviews (PMR) to test compliance in every funding stream for which the Local WDB has a contract with OWD. Samples should include records enrolled for the program year; however, monitors may pull sample from the previous quarter if needed to meet sample size.

Depending on the size of each record set requiring review, the corresponding number of sample records shown below, at a minimum, must be examined annually. Samples should be adjusted as necessary based on the results of risk assessments, prior monitoring efforts and other identified issues. Sample size based on algorithmic tables for simple random sampling developed by The Research Advisors, Franklin, MA 2006.

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Record	Set	Size	Sampl	e Size

1 - 200	69
201 - 300	78
301 - 400	84
401 - 500	87
501-1,000	96
1.001-2,000	100
2,001 - 10,000	105

When reviewing WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker participant records, combine the two funding streams, then sample by service/activity. However, the review must have a statistically valid sample of both Adult and Dislocated Worker participants enrolled in each of the following:

- · ABC Enrollments
- Classroom Training
- On-the-Job Training
- Work experience/Internship/Apprenticeship
- Pre-Vocational, Entrepreneurial, Incumbent Worker
- Support Services/Needs-related payments
- Any other services that result in a direct payment being made to or on behalf of a participant
- 5. Local monitors must monitor participant records for, at a minimum:
 - Documentation of participant eligibility and/or priority for the programs and services received
 - Orientation to services
 - Signed acknowledgement form the participant that notification of complaint and grievance rights and procedures was received
 - Justification for the provision of Individualized Career Services or Training services
 - · Method of assessment
 - Employment planning
 - Individual Training Accounts including all applicable paperwork/documents
 - Work-Based Learning including all applicable paperwork/documentation
 - Appropriateness and accuracy of participant payments (i.e. Supportive Services)
 - Appropriate data entry

- Posting of outcomes, including the attainment of a degree or certificate, measurable skill gains, and any supplemental employment data
- Documentation uploaded for all participants
- Examination of historical change requests
- Compliance issues cited in prior federal, state and local reviews
- Determination if prior corrective measures have been effective
- 6. Local monitors must ensure WIOA Youth monitoring procedures account for the following requirements:
 - Out-of-School Youth (OSY) percentage expenditure requirement
 - 20% percent work-based learning with educational component requirement
 - 5% percent limit on In-School Youth enrolled with the "requires additional assistance" barrier
 - 5% percent over-income exception
- 7. Local monitors must ensure their subrecipient(s) are meeting requirements set forth in the current MOU/RFP/Contract for carrying out programmatic duties.
- 8. The Local WDB must conduct quarterly Data Element Validation (DEV) reviews to ensure the integrity of performance outcomes following the procedures outlined in OWD's most current issuance on DEV. This review is to verify that performance data elements reported by Missouri are valid, accurate, reliable, and comparable across programs. The review is to identify anomalies in the data or missing data, to resolve issues that may cause inaccurate reporting, and to improve program performance accountability through the results of data validation efforts.

III. FINANCIAL MONITORING REVIEWS

Financial Monitoring Reviews (FMR) Contractor sub-recipients: This annual review is to ensure the adequacy of internal controls and the reliability of the sub-recipient's financial management system as they relate to the contract. To ensure that the sub-recipient meets the terms and conditions of the contract, fiscal goal or requirements, and that amounts reported are accurate, allowable, supported by documentation, and properly allocated. The FMR includes, but is not limited to, reviews of the following accounting processes:

- Audit Resolution/Management Decision
- · Financial Reporting
- Internal Control
- Source Documentation
- Cost Allocation/Indirect Costs
- Cash Management
- Procurement

Local WDBs must incorporate additional financial and programmatic monitoring policies to ensure funds intended to support stand-alone special initiatives/grants are

administered in accordance with the contractual scopes of work. These policies are to supplement existing monitoring duties and must be conducted during program operation to ensure accountability and transparency of expenditures.

IV. QUALITY REVIEW AND COMPLIANCE

Local monitors will review files no less than quarterly. The Quality Review and Compliance Committee will review all eligibility files for enrollment. The file checklist in the file is to be used by the Committee to complete the participant file internal monitoring and quality review. The committee member must initial each data element that is reviewed as their indication that the documents were reviewed and are in compliance. When the file is complete and accurate, the Committee will sign the review form to indicate their compliance review and approval of file accuracy.

All files will be reviewed for compliance, and the data entered into the quality review instrument for reporting purposes. This tool will track compliance data elements, priority groups, and why the file was returned for corrections or additional information. The report will be used to determine error trends and identify the training needs of staff.

V. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY MONITORING

- 1. The Local Equal Opportunity Officer is responsible for coordinating a recipient's obligations under 29 CFR Part 38, Section 188 of WIOA and the Missouri Nondiscrimination Plan. Those responsibilities include, but are not limited to:
 - (1.) Monitoring and investigating the subrecipient's activities, and the activities of the entities that receive WIOA Title I-financial assistance from the recipient including contracted Service Providers (One Stop Operators, Adult/Dislocated Worker/Youth program providers), Eligible Training Providers (ETPs), On-the-Job Training (OJ) Employers, Work Experience Employers and any other recipients defined under 29 CRF 38.4(zz). Monitoring is to ensure that the recipient and its subrecipients are not violating their nondiscrimination and equal opportunity obligations under WIOA Title I, which includes monitoring the collection of data required in Section 188 of WIOA, 29 CFR Part 38 and the Missouri Nondiscrimination Plan which includes the following sections and elements:
 - Sections I: Assurances (29 CFR 38.25 through 38.27)
 - Section II: Equal Opportunity Officers (29 CFR 38.28 through 38.33)
 - Section III: Notice and Communication (29 CFR 38.34 through 38.39)
 - Sections IV: Data and Information Collection and Maintenance (29 CFR 38.41 through 38.45)
 - Section V: Affirmative Outreach (29 CFR 38.40)
 - Sections VI: Complaint Processing Procedures (29 CFR 38.72 and 38.73)
 - Section VII: Governor's Oversight Responsibilities Regarding Recipients' Recordkeeping (29 CFR 38.51 through 38.53)
 - Additional Element Sections (29 CFR 38.53)
 - Element I: Review for Compliance Under WIOA Section 188 with Policies/Contracts/Assurances
 - Element II: System to Ensure Compliance with WIOA Section 188 for Recipients
 - Element III: A System for Reviewing Recipients' Contracts, Assurances and Other Agreements
 - Element IV: Ensuring Compliance with WIOA Section 188
 - Element V: Compliance with Federal Disability Nondiscrimination Laws
 - Element VI: Training for compliance under WIOA Section 188
 - Element VII: Corrective Actions and Sanctions
 - Element VIII: Supporting Documentation for the NDP

Local EO Officers are responsible for monitoring providers that service 15 or more participants (ETPS, OJTs, Work Experience Employers only) defined under 29 CFR 38.4(hhh) which includes monitoring the small service provider for adopting and publishing complaint procedures, and processing complaints, in accordance with Section 188 of WIOA, 29 CFR Part 38 and the Missouri Nondiscrimination Plan.

(2.) Reviewing the recipient's written policies to make sure those policies are Nondiscriminatory

- 3. The Local WDB must conduct quarterly EO monitoring which includes, but is not limited to:
 - (1.) Ensuring compliance with the nondiscrimination and equal opportunity action provisions of WIOA, 29 CFR Part 38 and the Missouri Nondiscrimination Plan, and negotiating, where appropriate, with a recipient to secure voluntary compliance when noncompliance is found under 38.91(b).
 - (2.) Quarterly monitoring the compliance of recipients with WIOUA Section 188. 29 CFR Part 38 and the Missouri Nondiscrimination Plan, including a determination as to whether each recipient is conducting its WIOA Title 1financially assisted program or activity in a nondiscriminatory way. At minimum, each annual monitoring review required must include:
 - a. A statistical or other quantifiable analysis of records and data kept by the recipient under §38.41, including analyses by race/ethnicity, sex, limited English proficiency, preferred language, age, and disability status.
 - b. An investigation of any significant differences identified in paragraph (b)(1) of this section in participation in the programs, activities, or employment provided by the recipient, to determine whether these differences appear to be cause by discrimination. This investigation must be conducted through review of the recipient's records and any other appropriate means; and
 - c. An assessment to determine whether the recipient has fulfilled its administrative obligation (for example, recordkeeping, notice and communication) and any duties assigned to it under the Missouri Nondiscrimination Plan.
 - (3.) Quarterly EO Monitoring Review Schedule for Local WDB:
 - a. First Quarter EO monitoring must include reviewing services provider's websites, facilities, and reviewing policies and procedures.
 - b. Second Quarter monitoring review must include a statistical or other quantifiable analysis of employment practices (staffing analysis) records and data kept by the LWDB and services providers in accordance with 29 CFR 38.41.
 - c. Third Quarter EO monitoring review must include a review of any Onthe-Job training Employers, Work Experience Employers, and any special projects compliance with Section 188 of WIOA, 29 CFR 38, and the Missouri Nondiscrimination Plan.
 - d. Fourth Quarter EO monitoring review must include a statistical or quantifiable analysis of the programs, services, and activities offered by the LWDB nd service providers.
 - (4.) Each quarter LWDB and services providers must submit complaint logs by the 5th day after each quarter.
 - (5.) An overall report of all EO monitoring reviews must be submitted by June 30th of each program year indicating if LWDB and service providers complied with the EO monitoring requirements and if any corrective actions and sanctions have been enforced.

VI. MONITORING REPORTS

The Local WDB (or designated local monitor) must submit annual reports to their subrecipient(s) for Financial, Programmatic, One-Stop Operator and EO monitoring each Program Year. Annual reports must be issued by June 30th of each Program Year.

- 1. Each report must be addressed to the subrecipient, include the date issued, the timeframe of monitoring, all identified issues, the corrective action, along with an explanation of the required corrective action, and a deadline for completion of the corrective action.
- 2. The following Reports are required to be presented at a Board meeting and

The following Reports are required to be presented at a Board meeting and documented in meeting minutes:

- i. One-Stop Operator monitoring;
- ii. Programmatic monitoring;
- iii. Financial monitoring;
- iv. Equal Opportunity monitoring;
- v. Performance reviews monitoring; and
- vi. Special initiatives/grants monitoring.
- 3. Areas to cover in monitoring reports include, but are not limited to, adequacy of assessments, planning of activities and services, coordination with One-Stop Delivery System partners to meet the comprehensive needs of customers, and customer outcomes.
- 4. The regulations implementing WIOA require that when monitoring identifies issues, those issues must be resolved by prompt and appropriate corrective action. Therefore, reports must identify areas of noncompliance and corrective actions taken or required for improvement.
- 5. Each Local WDB must review the corrective action response from their subrecipients and submit a determination of acceptance or alternative corrective action.
- 6. The Local WDB is also responsible for providing any technical assistance needs identified through monitoring.

Additional Responsibilities:

The Local WDB must ensure business is conducted in an open manner, by making documents available to the public, on a regular basis through electronic means and open meetings. The Local WDB must ensure their website contains the following information:

- 1.Local Plan and modifications:
- 2. Board members and their affiliations;
- 3. Selection of one-stop operators;
- 4. Award of grants or contracts to eligible training providers of workforce investmentactivities, including providers of youth workforce investment activities;
- 5. Minutes of formal meetings of the Local WDB; and
- 6. Board by-laws, consistent with 20 CFR 679.310(g).

VII. RISK ASSESSMENTS

Prior to issuing any award under WIOA Title I, the Local WDB must conduct a risk assessment to assess the Subrecipient's overall ability to administer Federal funds as required under 2 CFR 200.205.

- (1.) As part of this assessment, the Local WDB must consider the Subrecipient's history with regard to management of other grants, financial stability, quality of management systems and standards, history of performance, timeliness of compliance, conformance to terms and conditions of previous awards, reports and findings from audits, and ability to implement effectively statutory, regulatory, or other requirements.
- (2.) Thereafter, the Local WDB must conduct annual Subrecipient risk assessments based on criteria identified above, see Attachment C.

VII. ONE-STOP OPERATOR

The Local WDB must conduct an annual review of their One-Stop Operator to ensure compliance with the requirements outlined in 20 CFR 678.620, as well as responsibilities outlined in the current MOU/RFP/Contract. "Oversight and monitoring is an integral function to ensure the One-Stop Operator's compliance with the requirements of WIOA, the activities per the SOW, performance reporting requirements, and the terms and conditions of the contract or agreement governing the One-Stop Operator."

- (1.) If it is determined that the One-Stop Operator is not meeting expectations, corrective action must be taken which can include contract termination.
- (2.) If WDB is One-Stop Operator, the Board must contract an external entity to monitor the operator.

VIII. DATA VALIDATION REVIEW

Missouri Office of Workforce Development Issuance No. 07-2020, Statewide Data Element Validation Policy, requires that data element validation be performed quarterly.

- Monitors are responsible for conducting the DEV review and must complete their reviews at the beginning of October, January, April and July on both active and exited records. Staff are responsible for validating the data for the quarter that just ended.
- Monitors should follow the detailed desk-aid (Attachment 1) on how to access the PIRL data sampling report to randomly identify files to review from MoJobs.
- Monitors will download the data element sheets generated by the statewide electronic case management system into Microsoft Excel and conduct their

reviews directly in the workbook

• Monitors will mark each clement as either a "pass" or a "fail", n/a or unable to validate. All failures must have corresponding comments describing why the element failed and the corrective action being taken to correct the data, if applicable.

This review is to identify anomalies in the data or missing data, to resolve issues that may cause inaccurate reporting, and to improve program performance accountability through the results of data validation efforts.

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- Board by-laws, consistent with 20 CFR 679.310(g).

IX. TRENDS AND OUTCOMES

Trends and outcomes shall be noted by independent monitors regarding such observations that certain types of findings are occurring frequently, whether customers who obtain employment are attaining a wage that moves beyond a median wage for the region, and other observations that are relevant to program design, services, delivery and outcomes.

Missouri Office of Workforce Development Policy Number 10-2023, Sub-State Monitoring.

Attachment A:

WIOA Monitoring File Guide

The following elements will be reviewed:

IV. WIOA ADULT MONITORING

- 1. Eligibility. Eligibility for Low-Income Adults shall be reviewed. This is outlined in Issuance 2017-011, Modification 1. Eligibility shall consist of review of the following:
 - Citizenship or Eligible Non Citizenship status
 - Presence of a document showing Social Security number
 - Registration in Selective Services for males age 18 and over, born after December 31, 1959, unless otherwise exempt (e.g. acquisition of citizenship or naturalization status after turning age 26)
 - Document showing age
 - Family size and income, OR Applicant Statement with attesting witness signature, OR documentation showing receipt of public assistance (currently receiving Food Stamps or a member of a family receiving Food Stamps, or documentation Food Stamps have been received by applicant or family in the past 6 months), OR documentation of homelessness
- 2. Classroom Training. Classroom training must meet guidelines, such as:
 - The training is for an approved high-demand occupation (Currently sectors consist of healthcare, information technology, advanced manufacturing, business services, construction and warehouse/logistics/transportation. This may change, depending upon labor market conditions)
 - The training is listed as approved in the Eligible Training Provider list in MoJobs, with documentation
- 3. On-the-Job Training (OJT) and other Work-Based Training.
 - The training is for an approved high-demand occupation (Currently sectors consist of healthcare, information technology, advanced manufacturing, business services, construction and warehouse/logistics/transportation. This may change, depending upon labor market conditions)
 - Employer Agreement with required data elements
 - Signed timesheets must be in the file and approved by the authorized signatory
 - Worksite monitoring documents must be in the file
- 4. Work Experience / Internship.
 - The training is for an approved high-demand occupation (Currently sectors consist of healthcare, information technology, advanced manufacturing, business services, construction and warehouse/logistics/transportation. This may change, depending upon labor market conditions)
 - Employer Agreement with required data elements
 - Signed timesheets must be in the file and approved by the authorized signatory
 - Worksite monitoring documents must be in the file

- 5. Supportive Services.
 - Required documentation of Supportive Services, if provided (per Issuance No. 2017-041, Supportive Services for WIOA Dislocated Worker and Adult Policy and per Issuance No. 2017-018, Modification 3, Supportive Services, Post-Employment and Payments for Outcomes WIOA Youth Policy)
- 6. Any other services that result in a Direct Payment being made to or on behalf of a Participant.
 - Requires case note and associated documentation in file

V. WIOA DISLOCATED WORKER MONITORING

- 1. Eligibility. Eligibility for Dislocated Workers shall be reviewed. This is outlined in Issuance 2017-011, Modification 1. Eligibility shall consist of review of the following:
 - Citizen ship or Eligible Non Citizenship status
 - Presence of a document showing Social Security number
 - Registration in Selective Services for males age 18 and over, born after December 31, 1959, unless otherwise exempt (e.g. acquisition of citizenship or naturalization status after turning age 26)
 - Document showing age
 - The customer is a permanently laid-off individual, with documentation showing lay
 off or termination, Unemployment Insurance status, and Unlikely to return to a
 previous industry or occupation, OR
 - Permanent business closure or substantial layoff, OR
 - Self-Employed and dislocated due to business failure, OR
 - Unemployed or underemployed Displaced Homemaker, who was previously relying upon the income as a dependent of another family member, and that income is no longer available

2. Classroom Training.

- The training is for an approved high-demand occupation (Currently sectors consist of healthcare, information technology, advanced manufacturing, business services, construction and warehouse/logistics/transportation. This may change, depending upon labor market conditions)
- The training is listed as approved in the Eligible Training Provider list in MoJobs, with documentation
- 3. On-the-Job Training and other Work-Based Training
 - The training is for an approved high-demand occupation (Currently sectors consist of healthcare, information technology, advanced manufacturing, business services, construction and warehouse/logistics/transportation. This may change, depending upon labor market conditions)
 - Employer Agreement with required data elements

- Signed timesheets must be in the file and approved by the authorized signatory,
- · Worksite monitoring documents must be in the file
- 4. Work Experience / Internship.
 - The training is for an approved high-demand occupation (Currently sectors consist of healthcare, information technology, advanced manufacturing, business services, construction and warehouse/logistics/transportation. This may change, depending upon labor market conditions)
 - Employer Agreement with required data elements
 - Signed timesheets must be in the file and approved by the authorized signatory,
 - Worksite monitoring documents must be in the file
- 5. Supportive Services.
 - Required documentation of Supportive Services, if provided (per Issuance No. 2017-041, Supportive Services for WIOA Dislocated Worker and Adult Policy)
- Any other services that result in a Direct Payment being made to or on behalf of a Participant
 - · Requires case note and associated documentation in file

VI. WIOA OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH MONITORING

Out-of-School Youth, Ages 16-24

(Attending an Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) program is <u>not</u> considered being in school).

Monitoring must also ensure that WIOA regulations are followed for Out-of-School Youth:

- 1. Eligibility. Eligibility for Youth shall be reviewed. This is outlined in Issuance 2017-006, Modification 1. Eligibility shall consist of review of the following:
 - Citizen ship or Eligible Non Citizenship status
 - Presence of a document showing Social Security number
 - Registration in Selective Services for males age 18 and over, born after December 31, 1959, unless otherwise exempt (e.g. acquisition of citizenship or naturalization status after turning age 26
 - Document showing age
 - Out-of-School Youth: Possess at least one barrier:
 - (1.) High school dropout
 - (2.) Supposed to be in school but did not attend the last calendar quarter,
 - (3.) Low-Income high school graduate and is an individual who is basic skills deficient, or an English language learner
 - (4.) Is subject to the Juvenile or Adult Justice System

- (5.) Homeless or a run-away
- (6.) Parenting or pregnant Youth
- (7.) Individual with a disability
- (8.) Homeless
- (9.) Foster child or aged out of foster care

Additionally, the Local Board has identified these locally defined barriers as Needs Additional Assistance. One or more may be utilized for eligibility determination. No more than five percent (5%) of all Youth participants may be made eligible under the Needs Additional Assistance barrier. These barriers are:

- (1.) Little or no successful work experience
- (2.) Unemployed and has been involved in a long and unsuccessful work search for more than six months
- (3.) Little if any exposure to successfully employed adults
- (4.) Has been fired from a job in the last six (6) months
- (5.) Has below average grades
- (6.) Previously dropped out of an educational program
- (7.) Is placed at least one grade level behind given age
- (8.) Significant personal or family problems
- (9.) Limited English proficiency
- (10.) Limited access to reliable transportation, i.e. public transportation is beyond one walkable mile from residence
- (11.) Is an individual who is a first generation college student
- (12.) Is a child of an incarcerated parent
- Classroom Training for Out-of-School Youth.
 - An Objective Assessment must be included as part of the assessment process
 - The training is for an approved high-demand occupation (Currently sectors consist of healthcare, information technology, advanced manufacturing, business services, construction and warehouse/logistics/transportation. This may change, depending upon labor market conditions)
 - The training is listed as approved in the Eligible Training Provider list in MoJobs, with documentation
- 3. On-the-Job Training and other Work-Based Training
 - The training is for an approved high-demand occupation (Currently sectors consist of healthcare, information technology, advanced manufacturing, business services, construction and warehouse/logistics/transportation. This may change, depending upon labor market conditions)
 - Employer Agreement with required data elements

- Signed timesheets must be in the file and approved by the authorized signatory
- · Worksite monitoring documents must be in the file

4. Work Experience / Internship.

- A Youth may be enrolled into a Classroom training program as a stand-alone activity, however Work-based training must have Classroom training as a plan component of the Youth's activity, documented as planned to occur either before, during or after the Work-based training
- The training is for an approved high-demand occupation (Currently sectors consist of healthcare, information technology, advanced manufacturing, business services, construction and warehouse/logistics/transportation. This may change, depending upon labor market conditions)
- Employer Agreement with required data elements
- · Signed timesheets must be in the file and approved by the authorized signatory
- Worksite monitoring documents must be in the file
- There is a 20% work-based learning expenditure requirement, with an educational component requirement (classroom training). The 20% expended on work-based expenditures consist of participant wages as well as staffing costs for the development and management of work experiences

5. Supportive Services

- Required documentation of Supportive Services, if provided (per Issuance No. 2017-018, Modification 1, Supportive Services, Post-Employment and Payments for Outcomes for WIOA Youth Policy)
- Any other services that result in a Direct Payment being made to or on behalf of a Participant
 - Requires case note and associated documentation in file

VII. WIOA IN-SCHOOL YOUTH MONITORING

In-School Youth, Ages 14-21

(Attending Any Secondary or Post-Secondary Training: College, university, vocational technical training, any other training leading to a recognized credential or certificate, except Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) classes)

Monitoring must also ensure that WIOA regulations are followed for In-School Youth:

- Attending any school (except AEL classes)
- · Meet the low income guidelines for the customer or family
- Possess at least one of these Barriers:
 - (1.) Basic skills deficient
 - (2.) English language learner

- (3.) Is subject to the Juvenile or Adult Justice System
- (4.) Homeless or a run-away
- (5.) Parenting or pregnant Youth
- (6.) Individual with a disability
- (7.) Homeless
- (8.) Foster child or aged out of foster care

Additionally, the Local Board has identified these locally defined barriers as Needs Additional Assistance. One or more may be utilized for eligibility determination. No more than five percent (5%) of all Youth participants may be made eligible under the Needs Additional Assistance barrier. These barriers are:

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- (2.) Unemployed and has been involved in a long and unsuccessful work search for more than six months
- (3.) Little if any exposure to successfully employed adults
- (4.) Has been fired from a job in the last six (6) months
- (5.) Has below average grades
- (6.) Previously dropped out of an educational program
- (7.) Is placed at least one grade level behind given age
- (8.) Significant personal or family problems
- (9.) Limited English proficiency
- (10.) Limited access to reliable transportation, i.e. public transportation is beyond one walkable mile from residence
- (11.) Is an individual who is a first generation college student
- (12.) Is a child of an incarcerated parent

2. Classroom Training for In-School Youth.

- An Objective Assessment must be included as part of the Assessment process,
- The training is for an approved high-demand occupation (Currently sectors consist of healthcare, information technology, advanced manufacturing, business services, construction and warehouse/logistics/transportation. This may change, depending upon labor market conditions)
- The training is listed as approved in the Eligible Training Provider list in MoJobs, with documentation

3. On-the-Job Training and other Work-Based Training

- The training is for an approved high-demand occupation (Currently sectors consist of healthcare, information technology, advanced manufacturing, business services, construction and warehouse/logistics/transportation. This may change, depending upon labor market conditions)
- Employer Agreement with required data elements
- Signed timesheets must be in the file and approved by the authorized signatory
- Worksite monitoring documents must be in the file

- 4. Work Experience / Internship.
 - A Youth may be enrolled into a Classroom training program as a stand-alone activity, however Work-based training must always have a training component as a part of the Youth's activity, documented as planned to occur either before, during or after the Work-based training.
 - The training is for an approved high-demand occupation (Currently sectors consist of healthcare, information technology, advanced manufacturing, business services, construction and warehouse/logistics/transportation. This may change, depending upon labor market conditions)
 - Employer Agreement with required data elements
 - Worksite monitoring documents must be in the file
 - There is a 20% work-based learning expenditure requirement, with an
 educational component requirement. The 20% expended on work-based
 expenditures consist of participant wages as well as staffing costs for the
 development and management of work experiences.
- 5. Supportive Services.
 - Required documentation of Supportive Services, if provided (per Issuance No. 2017-018, Modification 1, Supportive Services, Post-Employment and Payments for Outcomes for WIOA Youth Policy)
- Any other services that result in a Direct Payment being made to or on behalf of a participant
 - · Requires case note and associated documentation in file

Attachment B:

Frequently Asked Questions & One-Stop Operator Monitoring Tool



ONE-STOP OPERATOR MONITORING TOOL

Purpose: Role of the One-Stop operator codified at WIOA Title 1, Section 121 (d); Title 20, Code of Rederal Regulations, Part 678.620

Effectiveness

on program/funding stream comprehensive center for all required by system partners, and for core partners in additional centers to ensure the effectiveness of the One-Stop system Is cross-training and guidance on-going? Is there interaction of all partner organizations to work creatively across program/funding stream? Has center staff been cross-trained to communicate availability of all Title services? Is cross-training and guidance on-going? Evidence of efficient customer flow How is access provided (e.g.,		Identifier Objective
partner partner of all Title lance on-going tomer flow e.g.,		
Comments:	Yes	Meeting
Dents:	No	Meeting pectation
	Current	Progress
	Future	ress
	Yes	Technical Assistance Required
	No	Technical Assistance Required
		Comments

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Is operator staff present, identifiable and available?				

Identifier	Objective		ting tation	Prog	ress	Assis	nical stance uired	Comments
		Yes	No	Current	Future	Yes	No	
	Providing meaningful outreach strategies (e.g., sector/demand driven; focus on supply/demand alignment; take into account community footprint; utilize social media, etc.)							
	Actively engaging with business services among the other titles to bring relevant industry sector employers to support participant pursuit of career pathways linked to in-demand employment opportunities based on LMI and labor exchange services to drive skill-based initiatives.							
	Are common identifiers being used							
	Operating according to MOU?							
	Evidence of communication between the One-Stop operator and all system partners, inclusive of library branches (meetings, email communication, "open door policy" environment)							

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Identifier	Objective	Meeting	ting	Progress	883.8	Assis Req	nical tance sired	Comments
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	Create and implement cross training activities, professional development, capacity building for all center/partner staff (sharing of best practices, processes, procedures, activities, etc., across system)							

Continuous Improvement

							Do survey outcomes result in system improvement, as applicable	
							employer, system partners)	
							satisfaction evaluation (participant,	delivery
							Develop and implement customer	Evaluation of service
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	Data driven performance strategy			
Support system partner performance measure attainment	Knowledgeable of system partner performance requirements, based on on-going review	Are processes completed as described in the MOU	Do hours of operation meet customer flow	Maximize resources made available throughout the system (workshops, activities, etc.)

Accessibility

Identifier	Objective	Meeting Expectation	ting	Progress	ress	Technical Assistance Required	dance dired	Comments
		Yes	No	Current Future	Future	Yes	No	
ADA compliance	Use of pictorial/written/ verbal/ tactile references for disabilities or BLL.							
	Clear lines of sight, seated or standing users							
	Provide necessary accommodations							
	Adequate space for assistive devices or personal assistants							
	Are all centers ADA compliant							

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Identifier	Objective	Meeting	ting	Progres	ress	Technical Assistance Required	mical tamce tired	Comments
		Yes	No	No Current Future	Future	Yes	No	
	Addressing barriers to employment							
	Individualized assistance							
	Promote priority of service							
Mobile One-Stop	Utilization by sub-recipients							
deployment	Meaningful community deployment							
	Outreach to inaccessible areas							

Additional Responsibilities

Identifier		OSO Additional	Responsibilities			
Objective			Does the OSO also provide additional services such as fiscal agent or provider	If yes, are there firewalls/policies in place to satisfy 679.430?	Describe any other activities being provided by the OSO	Are these activities acceptable?
Meeting	Yes				Comments:	
Meeting	No				cuts:	
Progress	Current Future					
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Attachment C:

Risk Assessment

Missouri Division of Worldorce Development Financial Assistance Subrecipient Risk Assessment ATTACHMENT A

Recipient Name: Completed By-Name: Data Completed: FY:

Recipient DUNS:

instructions:

Region:

- 1. Complete this form once a Fiscal Year (FY) for each recipient who will be swarded one or more grant or cooperative agreement swards from the program in the open FY. The results of this risk assessment will apply to all awards to the recipient in the open FY.
- For each category below, enter a numerical rating of 0=Not applicable (N/A), 1=Low, 2=Medium or 3=High in the Rating box. Use the information provided under the
 Rating Description sections to easist you in easigning a rating to each category. If not a new recipient, consider the racipient's performance on all currently open and
 recently closed awards, when applicable to the risk estagory.
- 3. For each category below, specify in the "Basis for Reting and Other Comments" field the factors that contributed to the rating entered. Provide enough detail to give an independent reviewer a clear understanding of the rationale used to determine the rating. If documents exist to support your rating (e.g., performance report on previous award) identify the document(a) and specify the location of the document(s). Here is an example of the type of detail to be entered in the "Basis for Rating and Other Comments" fields:

Category 1 Rating = 1; "Basis for Rating and Other Comments" field reads: The recipient has auccessfully implemented awards under our program in the past. Some projects include subrecipients and construction, but awards with these complexities have been well managed. Summeries of past project results are available in our program database.

Dategory 1:	Subter iplient's prior experience with the same or similar subswards Rating:
Category 1	Rating Descriptions
0=N/A:	Recipient has no past or current award from the program.
1=Low:	Recipient has been timely in the submission of budget and project amendment requests, prior approval requests, financial and performance reporting, extensions of performance period and reporting due dates, and significant development reports, as applicable.
2=Medium:	Recipient has mostly been timely in the submission of budget and project amendment requests, prior approval requests, financial and performance reporting, extensions of performance period and reporting due dates, and significant development reports, as applicable. When out of compliance, recipient was responsive to written notifications and requests from DWD regarding late or incomplete requests or reports.
3≠ligh:	Recipient has consistently been liste in the submission of budget and project amendment requests, prior approval requests, financial and performance reporting, extensions of performance period and reporting due dates, and significant development reports, as applicable. Recipient is seidom or not at all responsive to written notifications and requests from DWD regarding late or incomplete requests or reports.
Besis for Re	ting end Other Comments:
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Category ?	tating Descriptions
0=N/A:	Recipient is a Commercial Organization, Foreign Entity, or Individual.
1=Low:	Recipient is a government or non-profit entity and their application indicates that they were not required to submit a single audit report for their most recently closed fiscal year; recipient completed a single audit for at least one of their two most recently closed fiscal years. Recipient submitted required single audit report to the Single Audit Clearinghouse on time. Recipient did not have any Qualified or Adverse/Disclaimer opinions, significant internel control deficiencies or findings for non-compliance.
2=Medium:	Recipient has not had any Adverse/Discisimer opinions, more than two significant internal control deficiencies, or more than two findings for non-compliance on single audits conducted in the last five years. Recipient was late in aubmitting required single audit report to the Single Audit Clearinghouse.
3=High:	Recipient has had an Adverse/Discleimer opinion, more than two significant internel control deficiencies, or more than two findings for non-compliances of single audits conducted in the last five years. Recipient has a history of not submitting single audit reports to the Single Audit Clearinghouse on time. Recipient currently working under a single audit Corrective Action Plan related to a current or previous award funded by the program.
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alegory 3.	Whether the subrecipient has new personnel or new or substantially changed systems Hating;
Catagory 3	Lating Descriptions
=N/A:	Recipient is an Individuel.
l=Low:	Recipient provided information detailing the experience and qualifications of key project personnel. All personnel appear qualified to meet the project objectives; no past leaves with recipient in regards to key staff qualification. The project is fully staffed.
Medium:	Recipient provided information detailing the experience and qualifications for some key project personnel. All of the identified personnel appear qualified to meet the project objectives, but other key project personnel have not yet been hired.
	Recipient has not yet identified/hired any key project personnel; one or more of the personnel identified do not appear qualified to meet the project

Lategory 4.	Extent and results of Pederal awarding agency monitoring Rating:	
Catagory 4	Rating Descriptions	
0=N/A:	Recipient has no past or current award from the program; or previous/current/pending award. If pravious/current/pending award funds, program authorizing legislation does not require recipients to conduct a formal monitoring.	nded by other types
1=Low:	Recipient has had no applificant internal control deficiencies or findings for non-compliance.	
2=Medlum:	Recipient has had less than two significant internal control deficiencies and less than two findings for non-compliance.	
3=High:	Recipient has had more than two significent internel control deficiencies and more than two findings for non-compliance.	
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Attachment D:

Missouri Office of Workforce Development OWD Issuance 10-2023 Statewide Sub-State Monitoring Policy



Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development

OWD Issuance:

10-2023

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Expiration Dates

Continuous, until further notice

SUBJECT: Statewide Sub-State Monitoring Policy

ATTACHMENTS: None.

This Issuance is Official Policy of the Missouri Office of Workforce Development

ISSUING AUTHORITY:

Julie Carter Director

Office of Workforce Development (OWD)

THIS ISSUANCE REQUIRES CREATION OR ALTERATION OF A CORRESPONDING LOCAL POLICY

KEYWORDS:

Equal Opportunity, Data Element Validation, Financial, Monitoring, Programmatic, One-Stop Operator, Sub-State;

THIS ISSUANCE AFFECTS:

Missouri One-Stop Delivery System (MJCs/AJCs)
WIOA Title I Performance/Accountability
WIOA Title I One-Stop Delivery/Service Providers
WIOA Title I Local Areas/Local Boards/Local Plans
WIOA Title I In-State Funding
WIOA Title I Performance/Accountability
State of Missouri Workforce System Procedures

FOR THE ATTENTION OF:

DHEWD State Professional Staff Sub-recipient Staff Local Fiscal Agents One-Stop Operators Service Providers Local WDB Directors Local Compliance Monitors

RESCISSIONS

OWD Issuance 11-2021, "Statewide Sub-State Monitoring Policy".

REFERENCES:

OWD Issuance 04-2023, "Local and Regional Plan Guidelines for Local WDBs," August 18, 2023. U.S Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Training and Guidance Letter (TEGL) 7-18, "Guidance for Validating Jointly Required Performance Data Submitted under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)," December 19, 2018.

<u>TEGL 23-19, Change 2,</u> "Guidance for Validating Required Performance Data Submitted by Grant Recipients of U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Workforce Programs," May 12, 2023.

State of Missouri's Nondiscrimination Plan, most current.

<u>Section 188 of WIOA</u> and <u>29 CFR Part 38</u>, Implementation of the Nondiscrimination and Equal Opportunity provision of the WIOA.

OWD Annual Agreements, most current.

2 CFR Part 200 and Part 2900.

SUMMARY:

This Issuance updates the Office of Workforce Development's (OWD) Sub-State Monitoring Policy for Local Workforce Development Areas (LWDA) designated under WIOA. Updates include detailed expectations for Annual Reports and required deadlines.

BACKGROUND:

WIOA mandates administrative and program oversight responsibilities that, in partnership with the Chief Elected Official (CLEO), are inherent functions of the Local WDB serving an LWDA:

"The local board, in partnership with the chief elected official for the local area, shall—

- (A)(i) conduct oversight for local youth workforce investment activities authorized under section 129(c), local employment and training activities authorized under subsections (c) and (d) of section 134, and the one-stop delivery system in the local area; and
 - (ii) ensure the appropriate use and management of the funds provided under subtitle B for the activities and system described in clause (i); and
- (B) for workforce development activities, ensure the appropriate use, management, and investment of funds to maximize performance outcomes under section 116."

Subparagraphs A (ii) and B above refer to WIOA local oversight responsibilities.

Further, the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) implementing regulations for WIOA require:²

- "(a) Each recipient and subrecipient of funds under title I of WIOA and under Wagner-Peyser must conduct regular oversight and monitoring of its WIOA and Wagner-Peyser program(s) and those of its subrecipients and contractors as required under Title I of WIOA and Wagner-Peyser, as well as under 2 CFR Part 200, including 2 CFR 200.327, 200.328, 200.330, 200.331, and Department exceptions at 2 CFR part 2900, in order to:
 - (1) Determine that expenditures have been made against the proper cost categories and within the cost limitations specified in the Act and the regulations in this part;
 - (2) Determine whether there is compliance with other provisions of the Act and the WIOA regulations and other applicable laws and regulations:
 - (3) Assure compliance with 2 CFR part 200; and
 - (4) Determine compliance with the nondiscrimination, disability, and equal opportunity requirements of Section 188 of WIOA, including the Assistive Technology Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 3003)."

These regulations establish requirements under the Uniform Guidance³ for sub-state monitoring according to federal cost principles and audit requirements. This includes requiring an examination of subrecipient non-discrimination and conflict-of-interest policies, and mandatory disclosures of all violations of federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the federal award.

2 20 CFR 683.410(a).

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¹ WIOA sec. 107(d)(8) [29 U.S.C. 3122(d)(8)].

³ 2 U.S.C. Grants and Agreements, Chapter II—Office of Management and Budget Guidance, Part 200 "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards"; Chapter XXIX—Department of Labor, Part 2900 "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards": and Chapter XXIX—Department of Labor, Part 2998 "Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension."

SUBSTANCE:

WIOA mandates that the Local WDB and the CLEO are responsible, in partnership, for oversight of WIOA Title I programs.

The Local WDB must develop and maintain written policy and procedures for monitoring subrecipient compliance with the terms of grants, contracts, or other agreements pursuant to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Policies must demonstrate that the Local WDB's programmatic, administrative, and operational oversight systems effectively measure compliance in a manner compatible with WIOA regulations and OWD policies.

Quarterly monitoring is designed to routinely evaluate subrecipients to measure progress, ensure compliance, assess that Federal funds are used responsibly and to develop technical assistance plans. Each Local WDB must determine how to apportion the federal annual monitoring requirement into the state's quarterly requirement for programmatic, DEV, and EO monitoring, to ensure oversight functions are carried out successfully. At a minimum, the following elements and standards must be included in the Local WDB's sub-state monitoring policy and procedures:

Responsible Representative

- a. Identify who will perform the various oversight functions, such as the entity or (if applicable) staff position, that will perform any monitoring activities for programmatic, Equal Opportunity (EO), and financial monitoring.
 - The policy must describe all duties of the local monitor, and ensure the local monitor
 has no programmatic supervisory or management responsibilities, to avoid any actual or
 apparent conflict of interest.

Risk Assessments

- b. Prior to issuing or renewing any award under WIOA Title I, the Local WDB must conduct a risk assessment to assess the subrecipient's overall ability to administer federal funds as required under 2 CFR 200.206.
 - 1. As part of this assessment, the Local WDB must consider the subrecipient's:
 - i. history with regard to management of other grants;
 - ii. financial stability;
 - iii. quality of management systems and standards;
 - iv. history of performance;
 - v. timeliness of compliance;
 - vi. conformance to terms and conditions of previous awards;
 - vii. reports and findings from audits; and
 - viii. ability to effectively implement statutory, regulatory, or other requirements.
 - 2. Thereafter, the Local WDB must conduct annual subrecipient risk assessments based on criteria identified above.

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One-Stop Operator

- c. The Local WDB must conduct an annual review of their one-stop operator to ensure compliance with the requirements outlined in 20 CFR 678.620, as well as responsibilities outlined in the current MOU/RFP/Contract. "Oversight and monitoring is an integral function... to ensure the one-stop operator's compliance with the requirements of WIOA, the activities per the scope of work (SOW), performance reporting requirements, and the terms and conditions of the contract or agreement governing the one-stop operator."
 - 1. If it is determined that the one-stop operator is not meeting expectations, corrective action must be taken, which can include contract termination.
 - When the Local WDB is the one-stop operator, there is an inherent conflict of interest in that the Local WDB cannot effectively monitor itself. In such circumstances, an outside entity or a State agency, such as a State auditor or inspector general, must conduct the monitoring and report the monitoring results to the CLEO.

Programmatic Monitoring

- d. The Local WDB must conduct quarterly Programmatic Monitoring Reviews (PMR) to evaluate compliance for every funding stream for which the Local WDB has a contract with OWD. The monitoring must be documented using a monitoring tool. The monitoring must also document required corrective action, what corrective action the sub-recipient took, and if the corrective action was accepted by the Local WDB. Samples should include records enrolled in the current program year; however, monitors may pull samples from the previous quarter if needed to meet sample size.
 - The Local WDB must develop a monitoring plan within the local sub-state monitoring policy. The plan must detail how samples will be pulled, the number of files per program to review, and how the number will be determined. The Local WDB must submit the plan for approval to DWDpolicy@dhewd.mo.gov.
 - Local monitors are required to use random-sampling techniques and are encouraged to use the reports feature in the electronic statewide case management system (MoJobs) to obtain samples.
 - ii. Samples must be adjusted, as necessary, based on the results of risk assessments, prior monitoring efforts and other identified issues.
- e. When reviewing WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker participant records, the LWDB must combine the two funding streams, then sample by service/activity. The LDWB must ensure the review has a statistically valid sample of both Adult and Dislocated Worker participants enrolled in each of the following services:
 - ABC Enrollments:
 - 2. Classroom Training;
 - 3. On-the-Job Training;
 - 4. Work experience/Internship/Apprenticeship;

Competitive Selection of One-Stop Operators <u>TEGL 15-16</u> Missouri Office of Workforce Development OWD Issuance 10-2023

- 5. Pre-Vocational, Entrepreneurial, Incumbent Worker
- 6. Supportive Services/Needs-related payments; and
- 7. Any other services that result in a direct payment to, or on behalf of, a participant.
- f. When reviewing WIOA In-School (ISY) and Out-of-School Youth (OSY) participant records sample by each program. Ensure both ISY and OSY reviews has a statistically valid sample enrolled in each of the following:
 - Work Experiences (each category);
 - 2. Classroom Training:
 - 3. On-the-Job Training:
 - 4. Follow up;
 - 5. Supportive Services and Incentives; and
 - Entrepreneurial.
- g. Local monitors must monitor participant records for, at a minimum:
 - Documentation of participant and training eligibility and/or priority for the programs and services received:
 - Orientation to services;
 - Signed acknowledgement from the participant that notification of complaint and grievance rights and procedures was received;
 - 4. Justification for the provision of Individualized Career Services or Training services;
 - 5. Method of assessment;
 - 6. Employment planning;
 - 7. Individual Training Accounts, including all applicable paperwork/documentation;
 - 8. Work Based Learning, including all applicable paperwork/documentation;
 - 9. Appropriateness and accuracy of participant payments;
 - 10. Appropriate data entry;
 - 11. Posting of outcomes, including the attainment of a degree or certificate, measurable skill gains, and any supplemental employment data;
 - 12. Documentation uploaded for all participants:
 - 13. Examination of historical change requests;
 - 14. Compliance issues cited in prior federal, State, and local reviews; and
 - 15. Determination if prior corrective measures have proven effective.
- h. Local monitors must ensure WIOA Youth monitoring procedures account for the following requirements:
 - Out-of-School Youth (OSY) percentage expenditure requirement;⁵
 - 2. 20% work-based learning with educational component requirement;
 - 5% percent limit on In-School Youth enrolled with the "Requires additional assistance" barrier; and
 - 4. 5% over-income exception.
- i. Local monitors must ensure their subrecipient(s) are meeting requirements set forth in the current MOU/RFP/Contract for carrying out programmatic duties.

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Data Element Validation

j. The Local WDB must conduct quarterly Data Element Validation (DEV) reviews to ensure the integrity of performance outcomes following the procedures outlined in OWD's most current issuance on DEV. This review is to verify that performance data elements reported by Missouri are valid, accurate, reliable, and comparable across programs. The review is to identify anomalies in the data or missing data, to resolve issues that may cause inaccurate reporting, and to improve program performance accountability through the results of data validation efforts.

Financial Monitoring

- K. The Local WDB must conduct annual Financial Monitoring Reviews (FMR) of subrecipients to ensure fiscal integrity.
 - Additional reviews may be warranted, based on the evaluations of risk of noncompliance. The FMR will be performed to comply with WIOA section 184(a)(4) [29 U.S.C. 3244(a)(4)], annual OWD agreements, and 2 CFR Part 200 and Part 2900.
 - 2. The FMR is conducted to ensure the adequacy of internal controls and the reliability of the subrecipient's financial management system as they relate to the administrative subaward. The FMR must ensure the subrecipient meets the terms and conditions of the subaward and the fiscal goal or requirements, and that amounts reported are accurate, allowable, supported by documentation, and properly allocated.
 - 3. The FMR must include, but is not limited to, reviews of the following process:
 - i. Audit Resolution/Management Decision;
 - ii. Financial Reports;
 - iii. Internal Controls;
 - iv. Source Documentation:
 - v. Cost Allocation/Indirect Costs;
 - vi. Cash Management; and
 - vii. Procurement.
 - 4. Local WDBs must incorporate additional financial and programmatic monitoring policies to ensure funds intended to support stand-alone special initiatives/grants are administered in accordance with the contractual scopes of work. These policies are to supplement existing monitoring duties and must be conducted during program operation to ensure accountability and transparency of expenditures.

Equal Opportunity Monitoring

- I. Required EO monitoring responsibilities include, but are not limited to:
 - Monitoring and investigating the subrecipient's activities, and the activities of the entities receiving WIOA Title I-financial assistance on behalf of the subrecipient. Entities include contracted Service Providers (One Stop Operators, Adult/Dislocated Worker/Youth program providers), Eligible Training Providers (ETPs), On-the-Job Training (OJT)

employers, Work Experience employers, and any other recipients defined under 29 CFR 38.4(zz). Monitoring is to ensure the recipient and its subrecipients are not violating their nondiscrimination and equal opportunity obligations under WIOA Title I, which includes monitoring the collection of data required in Section 188 of WIOA to ensure compliance with the nondiscrimination and equal opportunity requirements of Section 188 of WIOA, 29 CFR Part 38 and the Missouri Nondiscrimination Plan which includes the following sections and elements;

- i. Sections I: Assurances (29 CFR 38.25 through 38.27);
- ii. Section II: Equal Opportunity Officers (29 CFR 38.28 through 38.33);
- iii. Section III: Notice and Communication (29 CFR 38.34 through 38.39);
- iv. Sections IV: Data and Information Collection and Maintenance (29 CFR 38.41 through 38.45);
- v. Section V: Affirmative Outreach (29 CFR 38.40);
- vi. Sections VI: Complaint Processing Procedures (29 CFR 38.72 and 38.73);
- vii. Section VII: Governor's Oversight Responsibilities Regarding Recipients' Recordkeeping (29 CFR 38.51 through 38.53);
- viii. Additional Element Sections (29 CFR 38.54);
- ix. Element I: Review for Compliance under WIOA Section 188 with Policies/Contracts/Assurances;
- x. Element II: System to Ensure Compliance with WIOA Section 188 for Recipients;
- xi. Element III: A System for Reviewing Recipients' Contracts, Assurances and Other Agreements;
- xii. Element IV: Ensuring Compliance with WIOA Section 188;
- xiii. Element V: Compliance with Federal Disability Nondiscrimination Laws;
- xiv. Element VI: Training for Compliance under WIOA Section 188;
- xv. Element VII: Corrective Actions and Sanctions; and
- xvi. Element VIII: Supporting Documentation for the NDP.

Local EO Officers are responsible for monitoring small service providers (ETPS, OJTs, Work Experience) defined under 29 CFR 38.4(hhh), which includes monitoring the small service provider for adopting and publishing complaint procedures and processing complaints, in accordance with Section 188 of WIOA, 29 CFR Part 38 and the Missouri Nondiscrimination Plan.

- 2. Reviewing the recipient's written policies to make sure those policies are nondiscriminatory.
- m. The Local WDB must conduct quarterly EO Monitoring which includes, but is not limited to:

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- Ensuring compliance with the nondiscrimination and equal opportunity provisions of WIOA, 29 CFR Part 38 and the Missouri Nondiscrimination Plan, and negotiating, where appropriate, with a recipient to secure voluntary compliance when noncompliance is found under §38.91(b).
- Quarterly monitoring the compliance of recipients with WIOA section 188, 29 CFR Part 38 and the Missouri Nondiscrimination Plan, including a determination as to whether each recipient is conducting its WIOA Title I-financially assisted program or activity in a nondiscriminatory way. At a minimum, each annual monitoring review must include:
 - i. A statistical or other quantifiable analysis of records and data kept by the recipient under §38.41, including analyses by race/ethnicity, sex, limited English proficiency, preferred language, age, and disability status;
 - ii. An investigation of any significant differences identified in paragraph (b)(1) of this section in participation in the programs, activities, or employment provided by the recipient, to determine whether these differences appear to be caused by discrimination. This investigation must be conducted through review of the recipient's records and any other appropriate means; and
 - iii. An assessment to determine whether the recipient has fulfilled its administrative obligations (for example, recordkeeping, notice and communication) and any duties assigned to it under the Missouri Nondiscrimination Plan.
- 3. Quarterly EO Monitoring Review Schedule for Local WDB:
 - 1st Quarter EO monitoring review must include reviewing service provider's websites, facilities, and reviewing policies and procedures.
 - 2nd Quarter EO monitoring review must include a statistical or other quantifiable analysis of employment practices (staffing analysis) records and data kept by the LWDB and service providers in accordance with 29 CFR 38.41.
 - iii. 3rd Quarter EO monitoring review must include a review of any On-the-Job Training Employers, Work Experience Employers, and any special projects compliance with Section 188 of WIOA, 29 CFR 38, and the Missouri Nondiscrimination Plan.
 - iv. 4th Quarter EO monitoring review must include a statistical or quantifiable analysis of the programs, services, and activities offered by the LWDB and service providers.
- 4. Each quarter LWDB and services providers must submit complaint logs by the 5th day after each quarter.
- An overall report of all EO monitoring reviews must be submitted by June 30th of each Program Year indicating if LWDB and service providers complied with the EO monitoring requirements and if any corrective actions and sanctions have been enforced.

Monitoring Reports

n. The Local WDB (or designated local monitor) must submit annual reports to their subrecipient(s) for Financial, Programmatic, One-Stop Operator and EO monitoring each Program Year. Annual reports must be issued by June 30th of each Program Year.

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- Each report must be addressed to the subrecipient, include the date issued, the timeframe of monitoring, all identified issues, the corrective action, along with an explanation of the required corrective action, and a deadline for completion of the corrective action.
- The following Reports are required to be presented at a Board meeting and documented in meeting minutes:
 - i. One-Stop Operator monitoring;
 - ii. Programmatic monitoring;
 - iii. Financial monitoring:
 - iv. Equal Opportunity monitoring;
 - v. Performance reviews monitoring; and
 - vi. Special initiatives/grants monitoring.
- Areas to cover in monitoring reports include, but are not limited to, adequacy of
 assessments, planning of activities and services, coordination with One-Stop Delivery
 System partners to meet the comprehensive needs of customers, and customer
 outcomes.
- 4. The regulations implementing WIOA require that when monitoring identifies issues, those issues must be resolved by prompt and appropriate corrective action. Therefore, reports must identify areas of noncompliance and corrective actions taken or required for improvement.
- 5. <u>Each Local WDB must</u> review the corrective action response from their subrecipients and submit a determination of acceptance or alternative corrective action.
- 6. The Local WDB is also responsible for providing any technical assistance needs identified through monitoring.

Additional Responsibilities:

- o. The Local WDB must ensure business is conducted in an open manner, by making documents available to the public, on a regular basis through electronic means and open meetings. The Local WDB must ensure their website contains the following information:
 - 1. Local Plan and modifications:
 - 2. Board members and their affiliations:
 - 3. Selection of one-stop operators:
 - Award of grants or contracts to eligible training providers of workforce investment activities, including providers of youth workforce investment activities;
 - 5. Minutes of formal meetings of the Local WDB; and
 - 6. Board by-laws, consistent with 20 CFR 679.310(g).

ROLES, RESPONSIBILITES, and REQUIRED ACTIONS:

Each Local WDB must review its local sub-state monitoring policy for compliance with this statewide policy. Local WDB must update their local policy if it does not meet the statewide requirements and submit to OWD for approval; the local sub-state policy is a required component of the Area's Local Plan. The Local WDB must adhere to all aspects of this policy.

TIMELINE:

INQUIRIES:

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· r Subsequent Designation Form

OWD Issuance 10-2023: Statewide Sub-State Monitoring Policy

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This Issuance updates the Office of Workforce Development's (OWD) Sub-State Monitoring Policy for Local Workforce Development Areas (LWDA) designated under WIOA. Updates include detailed expectations for Annual Reports and required deadlines.

Attachment E:

Missouri Office of Workforce Development OWD Issuance 07-2020, Statewide Data Element Validation Policy



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SUBJECT:

Statewide Data Element Validation Policy

ATTACHMENTS:

1) PIRL Data Sampling Desk Aid

This Issuance is Official Policy of the Missouri Office of Workforce Development

ISSUING AUTHORITY:

Julie Carter, Interim Director

Office of Workforce Development THIS ISSUANCE <u>DOES NOT</u> REQUIRE CREATION OR ALTERATION OF A CORRESPONDING LOCAL POLICY

KEYWORDS:

Data element, Data Element Validation, DEV Performance, WIOA THIS ISSUANCE AFFECTS:

Missouri One-Stop Delivery System (MJCs/AJCs)
WIOA Title I Local Areas/Local Boards/Local Plans
WIOA Title I Performance/Accountability
WIOA Adult Employment/Training
WIOA Dislocated Worker Employment/Training

WIOA Dislocated Worker Employment/Training WIOA Youth Workforce Investment Activities WIOA National Dislocated Worker Grant WIOA Title III Wagner-Peyser

Trade Adjustment Assistance

State of Missouri Workforce System Procedures

FOR THE ATTENTION OF:

OWD State Professional Staff One-Stop Frontline Staff One-Stop Operators Service Providers Local Compliance Monitors

RESCISSIONS:

OWD Issuance 07-2020, "Data Element Validation Policy," September 16, 2021.

REFERENCES:

20 CFR 677.240, "What are the requirements for data validation of State annual performance reports?"

U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Training Employment and Guidance Letter (TEGL) 23-19, "Guidance for Validating Required Performance Data Submitted by Grant Recipients of U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Workforce Programs," June 18, 2020. TEGL 7-18, "Guidance for Validating Jointly Required Performance Data Submitted under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)," December 18, 2018.

OWD Issuance 11-2021, "Statewide Sub-State Monitoring Policy," September 24, 2021.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this policy is to establish data validation procedures for the WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth; Wagner-Peyser (WP); and Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) programs operated by the Office of Workforce Development (OWD). This policy will help ensure the accuracy of quarterly and annual performance reports, safeguards data integrity, and promotes the timely resolution of data anomalies and inaccuracies. This policy supersedes any previous guidance on this topic.

BACKGROUND:

Data validation is a series of internal controls or quality assurance techniques established to verify the accuracy, validity, and reliability of data. The establishment of a shared data validation framework that requires a consistent approach across programs ensures that all program data consistently and accurately reflect the performance of each grant recipient. To that end, the purposes of validation procedures are to¹:

- Verify that the performance data reported by grant recipients to DOL are valid, accurate, reliable, and comparable across programs;
- · Identify anomalies in the data and resolve issues that may cause inaccurate reporting;
- Outline source documentation required for common data elements; and
- Improve program performance accountability through the results of data validation efforts.

SUBSTANCE:

DATA ELEMENT VALIDATION PROCEDURES

- Staff responsible for conducting Data Element Validation (DEV) reviews must submit a system
 access request in order to receive access to the "PIRL Data Sampling" report located in the
 statewide electronic case management system.
- Staff responsible for conducting the DEV review must complete a quarterly review after the
 end of each quarter on both active and exited records for each program. An email will be sent
 when the data samples are ready to be pulled. Staff are responsible for validating all data
 elements on each of the data validation worksheets generated for each program they are
 responsible for validating within 30 days of this notification.
- Staff must follow the detailed desk-aid (Attachment 1) on how to access the PIRL data sampling report to randomly identify files to review. Each program will have a minimum of three records, if available, to a maximum of 15 records, or 15% of the total available records for that program, if the number would fall between three and 15. All WIOA core and non-core programs operated through the Office of Workforce Development (OWD) and the 14 Local Workforce Development Boards (WDB) must be reviewed. These programs are:
 - WIOA- Adult
 - WIOA Dislocated Worker
 - WIOA Youth
 - Wagner-Peyser
 - National Dislocated Worker Grants
 - Trade Act
- Each WDB is responsible for conducting quarterly DEV reviews for its WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker, Youth, and National Dislocated Worker Grant programs.
- The Central Office Trade Unit is responsible for conducting quarterly DEV reviews for the Trade Act Program.
- OWD Supervisors are responsible for conducting quarterly DEV reviews for the WP program.
- Staff will download the data element sheets generated by the statewide electronic case management system into Microsoft Excel and conduct their reviews directly in the workbook.
- Each record and element must be reviewed for accuracy. Staff must mark each audit outcome with the appropriate option. Current options and their definitions are below:

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¹ TEGL 23-19

- Pass: elements are to be marked as Pass when the element has been validated with allowable source documentation and no discrepancies in the data exists.
- <u>Fail</u>: elements are to be marked as <u>Fail</u> when allowable source documents available do not support the reported value.
- <u>Unable to Validate</u>: elements are to be marked as <u>Unable to Validate</u> when the data
 has changed since the data sheet was originally generated (such as career service
 dates) or the element is associated with a program outside of validator's jurisdiction
 and source documents are not available to validate the element.
- <u>Not Applicable</u>: elements are to be marked as <u>Not Applicable</u> when certain data elements are being captured by the State Wage Interface System (elements in the 1600-1700 series).
- Generally, data elements with a reported value of "0" or "0-No" will have an automatically
 populated audit outcome of "Not Applicable." Staff performing the DEV review must ensure no
 contradictory information regarding the reported value is in the participant's record.
 Discrepancies with data will be identified during the OWD Regulatory Compliance team's
 review.
- Staff must indicate what source document was used to perform the data validation. The source
 document must be an allowable source document as established through <u>TEGL 23-19</u>,
 <u>Attachment 2</u> or supporting OWD Issuances. For applicable OWD issuances, refer to the
 current WIOA Adult/Dislocated Worker and Youth and Wagner-Peyer Technical Assistance
 Guidance.
- Staff must provide comments within the worksheet to explain why a data element cannot be validated, what will be done to fix the data failure, and/or what action will be taken to ensure fails do not continue.
- Staff must use the latest PIRL document found at https://www.doleta.gov/performance/reporting/#current-reporting-req for definitions/instructions, program specific requirements, and source documentation needed to perform data element validation on each data element. Staff may also utilize the "PIRL Data Dictionary" within the case management system.
- Upon completion of the DEV reviews, the PIRL Data Sampling workbooks must be uploaded back into the case management system by the deadline given each quarter. See detailed desk-aid (Attachment 1) for instructions on how to upload the document.
- The OWD Regulatory Compliance team reviews DEV efforts on an annual basis. Staff must ensure that all documents used to perform data element validation are uploaded to the participant's record.

DATA VALIDATION TRAINING

Each WDB is expected to provide annual training to workforce staff on the importance of correct data entry as it relates to obtaining positive performance outcomes. Additionally, each WDB must provide training to workforce staff on the allowable source documentation requirements contained within OWD's WIOA Adult/Dislocated Worker TAG², WIOA Youth TAG³, and TEGL 23-19, Attachment II⁴.

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² OWD Issuance 04-2020, or current

³ OWD Issuance 05-2020, or current

⁴ TEGL 23-19, Attachment II

OWD Supervisors and Operations Coordinators are expected to provide training to frontline workforce staff on the importance of correct data entry, as it relates to obtaining positive performance outcomes. Additionally, OWD Supervisors and Operations Coordinators must provide training on the allowable source documentation requirements contained within OWD WP TAG⁵.

OWD will provide annual DEV training to all staff responsible for monitoring data entry and performance. These trainings may occur via regular monthly Office of Performance & Strategy/Workforce Data unit meetings, annual monitoring summits, virtual technical assistance sessions, or other appropriate training methods as recommended by OWD.

DATA INTEGRITY

DOL will provide OWD with performance feedback reports to aid in data integrity efforts and support data accuracy on a quarterly basis. The analysis will include, but is not limited to, a review of the data submitted, anomalies and outliers, and other potential data quality issues, which may indicate reporting inaccuracies. Office of Performance & Strategy/Workforce Data unit will use these feedback reports to conduct quarterly data integrity reviews of program data errors, missing data, out-of-range variances in values reported, and other anomalies.

Office of Performance & Strategy/Workforce Data will utilize the "PIRL data sampling audit summary by file" that is produced from each workbook upload to assist with data analysis, as well.

OWD's Regulatory Compliance Unit will conduct an annual review of the DEV reviews conducted by each responsible entity to determine the effectiveness of this policy and the procedures identified within. If inefficiencies are discovered, the policy and procedures will be updated accordingly

CORRECTING MISSING OR ERRONEOUS DATA

If any missing or erroneous data is discovered throughout the validation process, staff must take appropriate actions to correct it. These corrective actions may include, but are not limited to:

- Submitting detailed Change Requests to correct inaccurate data;
- Working with the Office of Performance & Strategy/Workforce Data unit to resolve out-of-range variances and/or large quantity of data anomalies;
- Providing additional training or technical assistance to workforce staff responsible for the erroneous data entry, if applicable;
- Collecting missing documentation to verify required data elements, if applicable.

RECORD RETENTION

DEV documentation must be maintained per the Federal records retention guidelines⁶.

Financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and all other non-Federal entity records pertinent to a Federal award must be retained for a period of three years from the date of submission

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⁵ OWD Issuance 14-2021, or current

^{6 2} CFR 200.33

of the final expenditure report or, for Federal awards that are renewed quarterly or annually, from the date of the submission of the quarterly or annual financial report, respectively, as reported to the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity in the case of a subrecipient.

- Each WDB must retain copies of worksheets on data elements and/or records reviewed during the data validation process, and any corrective actions taken, such as submitted Change Requests or technical assistance.
- OWD's Trade and WP staff must retain copies of workbooks, worksheets on data elements and/or records reviewed during the data validation review process, and any corrective actions taken such as submitted Change Requests or technical assistance.
- Office of Performance & Strategy/Workforce Data Unit must maintain frozen quarterly wage records for wage record matching used for reporting outcomes, trends in common data accuracy issues, and error rates.
- OWD Regulatory Compliance Unit must retain documentation of annual DEV effectiveness reviews and any corrective action efforts made after data validation review process.

ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES, and REQUIRED ACTIONS:

 All Workforce System staff must read, understand, and implement the information outlined in this policy.

These rules apply to the data sampling worksheets generated beginning July 1, 2022 and on.

Questions related to where an element may be pulling from or verification that an element is reporting correctly should be directed to workforce.data.requests@dhewd.mo.gov.

TIMELINE:

Identified Workforce Staff--Implementation of these rules.......Immediate and Continuous

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