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NORTH COUNTRY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Definition: Youth Who Needs Additional Assistance

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The North Country Workforce Development Board (NCWDB) defines a “youth who needs additional assistance to enter or complete an educational program or to secure or hold employment” as a low-income youth who meets one of the following criteria:

- Sporadic, poor or no work history;
- Lack of family support;
- Lack of career goals and/or cyclical patterns of DSS involvement;
- Former foster care system participant;
- Diagnosed with a learning disabilities;
- Parental Incarceration;
- Mental health issues and/or having a criminal record.

For Out-of-School Youth, the youth must not be attending school and be between 16 to 24-years old.

For In-School Youth, the youth must be attending school and be between 14 to 21-years old.

Reminder: 5 Percent Rule

The 5 percent low-income exception under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) is calculated based on the 5 percent of youth enrolled in a given program year who would ordinarily be required to meet the low-income criteria.