

# DEO Communiqué

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**TO:** CareerSource Florida, Inc., and Regional Workforce Boards

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**SUBJECT:** Revisions to the Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) for the Workforce

Investment Act and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

#### **PURPOSE**

On March 27, 2015, the U.S Department of Labor published the 2015 LLSIL figures to the Federal Register. These figures are used to determine if individuals meet the definition of "low income" under the Workforce Investment Act and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. The Department of Economic Opportunity issued a communiqué about the LLSIL figures on April 13, 2015. Subsequently, the Federal Register published a correction to the South Metro figures on July 16, 2015. The following table provides the updated income levels to be used for Metro areas.

Any customers who were determined eligible based on the previously published LLSIL figures will remain eligible. The updated figures will become effective the date of this communiqué.

# **ACTION REQUIRED**

This information should be shared with staff and other interested parties involved in the eligibility determination process for programs that include income as a criterion.

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## LOWER LIVING STANDARD INCOME LEVEL AND POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR 2015

| FAMILY UNIT | 70% LLSIL           | 70% LLSIL           | 100% LLSIL          | 100% LLSIL          |
|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| SIZE        | METRO               | NON-METRO           | METRO               | NON-METRO           |
| 1           | (8982)              | (8,961)             | 12,831              | 12,802              |
| 2           | 14,717              | (14,681)            | 21,024              | 20,972              |
| 3           | 20,199              | (20,149)            | 28,856              | 28,784              |
| 4           | 24,937              | 24,873              | 35,625              | 35,533              |
| 5           | 29,432              | 29,353              | 42,046              | 41,932              |
| 6           | 34,422              | 34,327              | 49,175              | 49,038              |
| 7           | 39,412              | 39,301              | 56,304              | 56,144              |
| 8           | 44,402              | 44,275              | 63,433              | 63,250              |
|             | For each additional | For each additional | For each additional | For each additional |
|             | person in a         | person in a         | person in a         | person in a         |
|             | family above        | family above        | family above        | family above        |
|             | eight, add          | eight, add          | eight, add          | eight, add          |
|             | \$4,990 per         | \$4,910 per         | \$7,129 per         | \$7,015 per         |
|             | person in the       | person in the       | person in the       | person in the       |
|             | Metro areas.        | Non-Metro           | Metro areas.        | Non-Metro           |
|             |                     | areas.              |                     | areas.              |

The RWBs which contain the following counties are required to use the Metro data: Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Bay, Gadsden, Leon, Clay, Duval, Nassau, St. Johns, Alachua, Marion, Flagler, Volusia, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Brevard, Polk, Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas, Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, Lee, Collier, Martin, St. Lucie, Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade. The remaining RWBs must use the Non-Metro figures.

Where the poverty level for a particular family size is greater than the corresponding LLSIL figure, the Metro or Non-Metro figure is indicated in parentheses.

The 100 percent table for the LLSIL may be modified to calculate any locally determined values for prioritizing service or eligibility (i.e. 200 percent of LLSIL would multiply the 100 percent value times 2 for the appropriate family size).