# Department of Economic Opportunity  
## Youth Program Eligibility Consultation Responses

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| **OSY Priority**  
WIOA broadens services to youth by placing a priority on serving out-of-school youth, providing work-based experiences and improving services to youth with disabilities (This needs to be worded differently. Priority for youth with disabilities needs to be in a separate paragraph). WIOA requires a minimum of 75 percent of OSY funds available to local workforce development areas be used to serve OSY.  

**Page 8. “Significant Misdemeanor”** It is unclear what the significance or connection to this information is within WIOA. The definition of “Offenders” is adequately described on page 7 and does not mention significant misdemeanors as a condition. | Glenda Harden  
Region 20 | This section has been updated.  

The term “significant misdemeanor” is used on page 5 in the last bullet under item 9. |
| **Barbara Walker**  
DEO | Minor changes made.  

TEGLs updated. |
| **Section I, Purpose and Scope and Section II, Background**  
Suggest amending much of the language in these sections.  
**Section III, Authority:**  
Suggest including TEGL 21-16 as a reference.  
Additionally, you may want to put the TEGLs in order of most current.  
**Page 5, High Poverty Area Designation**  
WIOA Section 129(a) (2), contains a new prevision that allows for youth living in a high poverty area to automatically meet the low income criterion. A high poverty area | | |
area is defined as having a poverty rate of 25 percent or above. The Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) developed a Poverty Rate Map as a tool to assist staff in determining if an area meets the high poverty area criteria.

Each LWDB using the high poverty rate special rule to determine eligibility for WIOA youth program services, must still record and collect the appropriate documentation of a youth’s income for federal data reporting purposes. Why must the region still collect youth’s income, this seems to defeat the purpose of automatically meeting the low income criterion???

V. Definitions
Basic Skills Deficient: A youth or adult who is unable to compute or solve problems, or read, write, or speak English, at a level necessary to function on the job, in the individual’s family, or in society. Basic Skills Deficient: Part A of the BSD definition was left off.

Dropout: An individual who is no longer attending any school and who has not received a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent. An individual who is not younger than 16 or older than age 24 at the time of enrollment into a WIOA funded youth program, who is not attending a regular or alternative school, but is enrolled in an adult education or GED program is considered, for purposes of WIOA, an out of school youth and is also, considered a dropout if the individual has not received a high school diploma. The information following the first line is unclear. Suggest rewording.

DEO is required to collect income information for data reporting purposes.

Definition updated.

Wording updated.
**Foster Care**: A temporary arrangement in which adults provide for the care of a child or children whose birthparents are unable to care for them. Licensed foster care is made up of individuals or families who have requested to be able to take dependent children into their home. Foster homes are licensed and inspected regularly, and foster parents go through a rigorous interview process before being approved. A dependent child is a child who has been removed from their home and needs to be under state supervision. This child could live with a relative, non-relative or in foster care. Suggest other language with more direction/rewording.

**Homeless** as defined in section 41403(6) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043e–2(6)), a homeless child or youth (as defined in section 725(2) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a(2)), an individual who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence and includes an individual who:

I forgot to change “registration” back to “enrollment” as originally stated in the consultation paper.

*ISY*
*Be between the ages of 14 and 21 at the time of registration and, OSY*
*Be between the ages of 16 and 24 at the time of registration and,*

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1 http://www.myffamilies.com/service-programs/foster-care/definitions
I confirmed the rates are not showing the same as the link in TEGL 21-16 below is the information that the consultation paper links to.

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Deborah Cohn
Region 6

DEO has requested an update to its poverty rate map in Employ Florida.