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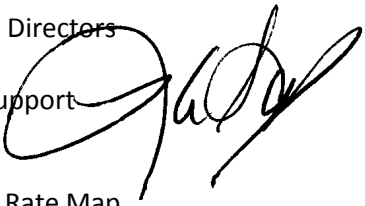


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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 12, 2016

TO: Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB) Executive Directors

FROM: Lois A. Scott, Chief, Bureau of One-Stop and Program Support 

SUBJECT: WIOA – Youth Living in High Poverty Areas and Poverty Rate Map

Under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), a youth who lives in a High Poverty Area is automatically considered to be a low-income individual for the purpose of providing WIOA services. A **High Poverty Area** is a Census tract, a set of contiguous Census tracts, Indian Reservation, tribal land, or Native Alaskan Village or county that has a poverty rate of at least 30 percent as set every five years using American Community Survey (ACS) five-Year data.

The Department of Economic Opportunity has developed a [Poverty Rate Map](#) that allows staff to identify if an area qualifies as a high poverty area based on the 30 percent threshold using the most recent ACS five-year data.

This map is available for use immediately. We have also attached a PowerPoint user guide and a video demonstration of how to use the Poverty Rate Map as a training resource.

Please send questions about the Poverty Rate Map to Adrienne.Johnston@deo.myflorida.com and WIOA related questions to WIOA.Transition@deo.myflorida.com.

Attachments: [Poverty Rate Map PowerPoint User Guide](#)
[How to use the Poverty Rate Map Video Demonstration](#)

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