

**PUBLIC POLICY****No. WIOA-09-2023****DATE:****December, 22 2023****SUBJECT:****PUBLIC POLICY FOR ADOPTING THE SERVICE  
PRIORITY PUBLIC POLICY OF THE ADULT  
PROGRAM OF TITLE I OF THE WORKFORCE  
INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA)****REFERENCES:****LAW OF OPPORTUNITIES AND INNOVATION  
FOR THE WORKFORCE****I. Purpose:**

1. To provide guidance regarding serving priority populations under the WIOA Title I Adult Program.
2. To mandate that Local Boards, adopt public policies and procedures to ensure that 75% of individuals receiving individualized career and training services under the Adult Program are part of at least one of the priority groups defined by the WIOA.
3. To establish a subsequent priority level for:
- Individuals with disabilities.
  - Individuals involved in the justice system.
  - Single parents.

**II. Legal Basis:**

Referencing WIOA, various TEGLs, 20 C.F.R. parts, and procedures for WIOA violation determinations and sanctions.

**III. Public Policy:**

- The Manati/Dorado Local Labor Development Area is committed to leading in labor market changes and ensuring the exclusive rights of participants in the Youth, Adult, and Dislocated Worker Programs under WIOA Title I.
- TEGL No. 07-20: "Effective Implementation of Priority of Service Provisions for Most in Need Individuals in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult Program" (November 24, 2020).

- TEGL No. 19-16: "Guidance on Services provided through the Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and the Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Service (ES), as amended by title III of WIOA, and for Implementation of the WIOA Final Rules" (March 1, 2017).
- TEGL No. 16-16, "One-Stop Operations Guidance for the American Job Center Network" (January 18, 2017). • TEGL No. 10-09: "Implementing Priority of Service for Veterans and Eligible Spouses in all Qualified Job Training Programs Funded in whole or in part by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)" (November 10, 2009).
- 20 C.F.R. part 680.600 (Aug. 19, 2016). What priority must be given to low-income adults and public assistance recipients and individuals who are basic skills deficient served with adult funds under title I of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act?
- Title 38, United States Code (U.S.C.) Chapters 41 and 42; Priority of Service for Covered Persons, as amended.
- 20 C.F.R. Part 1010, Application of Priority of Service for Covered Persons, (Dec.19, 2008).
- Procedimiento para la Determinación de Violaciones y la Imposición de Sanciones de WIOA (16 de abril de 2019).
- Employment and Training Administration, Promising Practices for Implementing Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult Priority of Service Provision, August 2023.


#### **IV. Required Action:**


The Local Board's Executive Officer is responsible for reporting the policy's approval to the Executive Director, who in turn informs the Manati/Dorado Local Labor Development Area's administrative bodies about the policy and its implementation.


#### **V. Approval and Validity:**

This policy becomes effective upon approval by the Local Labor Development Board and the Mayors' Board of Directors of the Manati-Dorado Local Labor Development Area.

Signed in vega Alta, Puerto Rico, on December 22, 2023.

  
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