

TO: Merced County Youth Council

Date: May 11, 2001

FROM: Youth Council Staff

For Action
 For Information
 Meeting Notes

SUBJECT: Review of Youth Criteria (the law)

PROPOSED MOTION: Information only

DISCUSSION:

An eligible youth is defined under WIA Section 101 (13) as an individual who:

- (a) Is age 14 through 21**
- (b) Is a low income individual**
- (c) Is within one or more of the following categories:**
 - (1) Deficient in basic literacy skills**
 - (2) School dropout**
 - (3) Homeless, runaway, or foster child**
 - (4) Pregnant or parenting**
 - (5) An offender**
 - (6) An individual who requires additional assistance to complete an educational program, or to secure and hold employment.**

The law states that to be eligible for WIA services, the youth must have one or more of the last 6 eligibility criteria. The Youth Council has written our youth contracts to state that eligible youth must have “two of the six specified barriers to employment”.

ATTACHMENTS: