

**NORTHEAST GEORGIA
WIA YOUTH SYSTEM ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
SUMMER 2009**

All youth served by activities and resources funded by the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) must be determined WIA eligible prior to program participation.

An eligible youth is defined as an individual who:

- Is age 14 through 24; and
- Is an income eligible youth; *(see notes following) (or in a TANF or food stamps grant) and
- Resides in the twelve county Northeast Georgia area; and
- Is in this country legally and is legally able to work in this country; and
- Is registered for the Draft, or has made application, if Draft eligible; and
- Is within one or more of the following categories:
 1. Deficient in basic literacy skills; or
 2. School dropout; or
 3. Homeless, runaway, or foster child; or
 4. Pregnant or parenting teenager; or
 5. Offender; or
 6. Is an individual (including a youth with a disability) who requires additional assistance to complete an educational program, or to secure and hold employment. The Workforce Investment Board (WIB) has defined this individual as follows:
 - a. an in-school youth who is off-track one or more classes in regard to graduation requirements or is failing one or more classes; or
 - b. a youth who lacks necessary support services needed to attend school, training, and /or work; or
 - c. a youth who lacks a consistent or good work history with employment less than six consecutive months or not more than 30 hours per week with the same employer; and/or is not earning a self sufficient wage. A self-sufficient wage is considered to be \$9800 per year; or
 - d. a youth who has taken and failed the high school graduation test one or more times and who is in need of tutoring to enable them to pass the test.

*Note: Low income is defined currently as 70% of the Lower Living Standard Index Level. Youth eligible for free lunch under the National School Lunch Program are not automatically determined eligible under WIA.

Program Year 2008-2009 Six-Month Income Guidelines for WIA: Low Income Level Figures Effective May 20, 2008			
Family Size	Metropolitan Areas	Atlanta MSA	Non-metropolitan Areas
1	\$5,200	\$5,200	\$5,200
2	7,000	7,000	7,000
3	9,122	8,996	8,800
4	11,262	11,102	10,759
5	13,292	13,102	12,697
6	15,545	15,321	14,849
7	17,798	17,540	17,001
8	20,051	19,759	19,153
For each over 8 Add:	2,253 Clarke, Oconee, Oglethorpe, and Madison counties	2,219 Barrow, Jasper, Newton, and Walton counties	2,152 Morgan, Elbert, Jackson, and Greene counties