Eligibility Training Session December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

### Q: Can ariel be an in-school youth with hardships and individual under snap?

A: Ariel's scenario is an **in-school youth** who is **not low-income**. This scenario was posed with the WIOA Youth program's exception and limitation rules in mind.

All in-school youth must be low-income. However, there is a 5% limitation rule that allows up to 5% of in-school youth served in a local area to not be low-income. So, in Ariel's case, who is a parenting youth, he/she could be served using this limitation.

### Q: Can a person register for selective service 6 months prior to 18?

A: Yes, SSS will hold registration until the person turns 18. However, as a general requirement, Men born on or after January 1, 1960 are required to register with Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday (i.e. 30 days before or 30 days after their birthday.) <u>TEGL 11-11</u> <u>Change 2</u>

# **Q**: Can you elaborate on why self-attestation isn't acceptable for victim of human trafficking? What docs would be acceptable?

Because victims of trafficking can be included in the groups of individuals authorized to work in the United States, said authorization to work **cannot** be self-attested.

Work Authorization – Victims must meet certain requirements, and only a federal law enforcement agency (such as ICE or the FBI) may request Continued Presence for an individual. Those granted Continued Presence are eligible to apply for employment authorization as well as federal services and benefits.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) allows victims of Human Trafficking to apply for the same benefits and services as refugees. The DHHS also issues certification documents for eligible individuals.

HHS issues a Certification Letter after notification from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) granting a person Continued Presence, or a T visa, or that a bona fide T visa application has not been denied. Foreign victims of a severe form of trafficking under 18 years of age do not need to be certified to receive benefits and services under HHS.

#### Documents can include:

T-visa, U-visa, Continued Presence Certification Letter issued by Department of Health & Human Services after approval by Center for Countering Human Trafficking (CCHT). **Sources**: <u>otip\_fact\_sheet\_certification.pdf\_continued-presence.pdf</u>

## Q: Is there a certain website we can use to see what training programs are eligible for Pell grants?

A: Federal Pell Grants usually are awarded only to undergraduate students who display exceptional financial need and have not earned a bachelor's, graduate, or professional degree. <u>Federal Pell Grants | Federal Student Aid</u>

In addition, our ETPL (<u>NJ Training Explorer</u>) will allow you to search for training programs that may be Pell eligible.

Tuition Assistance | Support Resources | My Career NJ

**Q**: ISY, Captive Audience, has IEP and we may use school testing, but what about SS#'s, do we need it or could the parent write it on the paperwork until we get the final copy.

A: SSNs are not required to receive WIOA Title I services. While grantees must request an individual's SSN for performance reporting purposes, grantees cannot deny services if an individual chooses not to share it.

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