

Youth Requiring Additional Assistance Policy

Camden County Local Workforce Development Board Definition of Youth Requiring Additional Assistance:

The local WDB will utilize the criterion, *an individual who requires additional assistance to complete an educational program, or to secure and hold employment*, defining and documenting the eligibility category as one of the following (TEGL 8-15, 2015):

Category	Definition	Required Documentation
Incarcerated Biological Parent	Youth whose biological parent is incarcerated at the time of eligibility determination.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verification using <i>Inmate Locator</i> tool, http://www.jailexchange.com/CountyJails/New Jersey/Camden/Camden County Jail Inmate Search.aspx; or • Letter/documentation from a corrections facility or corrections officer.
Sibling childcare responsibilities	Youth who must assume a parenting role for siblings because the parent/guardian is employed or incarcerated at the time of eligibility determination.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent/guardian paystubs; and • Parent/guardian self-certification of younger sibling responsibilities; and • Family size documentation; or Court records.
Alcohol and drug dependency	Youth who admits to drug and/or alcohol dependency.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical records; or • Referral from current treatment center and/or court.
Basic skills deficient despite having a High School diploma or equivalency	Youth with basic skills deficiency in Reading and Math and lacks literacy sufficient to receive occupational training.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High School diploma or equivalent; and • CASAS pre-test with scores below 9th grade in Reading and Math.
Victim of harassment, sexual abuse, or bullying	Youth who is a victim of harassment, sexual abuse, or bullying at any time prior to eligibility determination.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referral from current treatment center counselor; or School records.
Youth between the ages of 18-24 who is no longer a foster child due to age.	At age 18 or over, no longer receiving foster care due to loss of foster care support.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation from NJ Dept. of Children and Families (DCF), Division of Child Protection & Permanency (DCP&P) formerly DYFS.
Long-term Unemployed	At age 18 or over, a youth who is separated from employment, has not worked in the last 27 weeks, and who needs additional training to return to the workforce.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-Certification • Social Service Record/Referral • Unemployment Wage records
Youth with GPA below 2.0	Youth whose accumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) is below C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report Card • Certified School Letter
Parent(s)/Guardian Serving in the US Armed Forces	A member (parent) of the Armed Forces on active duty whose family income is reduced because of deployment, a call or order to active duty, a permanent change of station or the service -connected death or disability of the service member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation of Permanent Change in Station Orders • DD214 • Veterans Administration Letter/Record
Youth who is currently living with a disabled parent/guardian	As defined by the ADA; an individual with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Security Administration Record • Rehabilitation Letter • Medical Records • Social Service Records/Referral
Death of parent while enrolled in High School	Youth who has experienced the death of a parent/guardian while enrolled in school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Death Decree • Social Security Administration Record
Youth who are opioid-affected individuals	Youth who is in recovery, as well as those who were directly impacted by addiction, as relatives, friends, or caregivers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-attestation • Medical Records • Recovery program records