

Transitions Plus Fact Sheet

Started in January 2000 as a Student Assistance/Referral Program
Shifted to a Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Youth program in July 2001
Serves Youth 14-21

Purpose

In Working with a Universal Population – Assist the schools in making necessary referrals to school and community resources in order to build assets and address needs that hinder success at home, school and/or in the community.

Enrolled Youth - Assist youth who face serious barriers successfully transition into a self sufficient adult.

Remember WIA is not an entitlement program or a social service program and not everyone who is eligible for the program is appropriate for the program.

10 WIA Program Elements

- Tutoring, Study Skills, and Dropout Prevention Strategies
- Placement in Alternative Secondary School Services
- Summer Employment Opportunity – Employment linked to academic and occupational skills.
- Paid and Unpaid Work Experience
- Occupational Skills Training
- Leadership Development
- Supportive Services
- Adult Mentoring – Lasts at least 12 months
- Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling
- Follow-Up Services – Provided for at least 12 months after exiting the program.

Transitions Plus either provides these elements or refers youth to other entities that offer these elements.

Eligibility for the Program

2011 WIA income Guidelines	
Family Size	Annual Income
1	\$10,890
2	\$14,710
3	\$19,048
4	\$23,511
5	\$27,751
6	\$ 32,453

In order to participate, a youth must have multiple barriers. Low income is the first barrier. Looks only at **Family Income** not household. If a family is eligible to receive Food Stamps they qualify Using 100% of Poverty is a good guideline but in some cases income can be a little higher. If a student has a disability they can be considered a family of 1 and only his/her income is considered. Foster children are also eligible under the income barrier.

2nd Barrier can be very broad but includes.

- Basic Skills deficient – Tests below a 9th grade level for Math or Reading
- Homeless
- Pregnant or Parenting
- School Dropout
- Runaway
- Offender
- Foster Child – As a 2nd barrier this includes anyone who has ever been in the foster care system.

Who to contact

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