

## **Local Workforce Area 22 -Youth WIOA Eligibility Policy**

### **Definition of “Needs Additional Assistance”**

*Effective July 1, 2015*

The Madison-Bond Youth Council and the Madison-Bond WIB defines, *“an individual who requires additional assistance to enter or complete an educational program, or to secure or hold employment”*, for in-school youth and out-of-school youth. Here are both definitions.

**An in-school youth who is at risk of dropping out of school due to at least one of the following characteristics or behavior is considered in need of additional assistance:**

- Has been retained in grad at least once during the most recent four school years or has accumulated insufficient credits towards graduation
- Lacks a demonstrated proficiency in the English language as measured by a standardized test
- Has been determined to have a behavior disorder or a learning disability by the school district
- Has qualified as a Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (ADA) by the school district
- Has been on academic probation at any time during the prior 12 months
- Is a truant or is excessively absent as determined by an authorized school official
- Has had multiple suspensions or has been at risk of expulsion from school during the previous or current school year
- Has been identified as drug or alcohol dependent by a medical authority or authorized school staff
- Is a member of a single parent household
- Is physically disabled as determined by a medical authority or authorized school staff
- Possesses a characteristic or behavior as determined by the career specialist which may hinder a youth’s future participation in the labor force

**An out-of-school youth who possesses one or more of the following characteristics or behavior is considered in need of additional assistance:**

- Lacks a demonstrated proficiency in the English Language as measured by a standardized test
- Has been determined to have a behavior disorder or a learning disability by the last school district attended
- Has qualified as a section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (ADA) by the last school district attended
- Has had multiple suspensions or was expelled from the last school district attended
- Is a member of a single parent household
- Is physically disabled as determined by a medical authority or authorized school staff
- Has been identified as drug or alcohol dependent by a medical authority
- Possesses a characteristic or behavior as determined by the career specialist which may hinder a youth’s future participation in the labor force