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General Studies Degrees

The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) does not believe using Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funding for a customer to pursue an Associate's or Bachelor's Degree in General Studies is a prudent use of these federal dollars. WIA requires training resources to be used to train customers for occupations in demand for the region. Using WIA resources to fund earning a degree in General Studies does not directly support training individuals for demand occupations for the area. Also, there is no guarantee that the degree will lead to placement in an occupation in demand for the region.

Individuals who currently are pursuing an Associate's or Bachelor's Degree in General Studies using WIA funding may complete their service strategy/training plan. However, effective with this TAB, no new individual may use WIA funding for that purpose.

We emphasize that earning an Associate's or Bachelor's Degree in General Studies may be appropriate for some individuals. However, using WIA funding for that purpose is not a prudent use of WIA funding. Also, note that this clarification concurs with guidance for the Trade Adjustment Assistance program. Having similar guidance should lessen any impairment towards co-enrollment.

Questions concerning TAB may be directed to Tony Collier, Director, Center of Excellence at 317/232-7595 or tcollier@dwd.in.gov.

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