TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION LETTER

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Effective: Immediately

To: Local Workforce Development Board Executive Directors
   Adult Education and Literacy Fiscal Agents
   Adult Education and Literacy Grantees
   Commission Executive Offices
   Integrated Service Area Managers

From: Reagan Miller, Director, Workforce Development Division

Subject: Program Year 2017 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Title II Formula Allocations;
         WIOA Title II Professional Development Funds;
         Fiscal Year 2018 Child Care, Choices, Employment Service, and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training Planning Estimates; and
         Fiscal Year 2018 Child Care Funding Distribution Estimates for Child Care Automated Attendance Tracking

PURPOSE:
This WD Letter provides:
• Local Workforce Development Boards (Boards) with:
  ➢ Fiscal Year 2018 (FY’18) planning estimates for:
    ▪ Child Care;
    ▪ Choices;
    ▪ Wagner-Peyser Employment Service;
    ▪ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training; and
    ▪ Additional Federal Program Funding Distribution Amounts for the Smallest Workforce Areas; and
  ➢ FY’18 Child Care Funding Distribution Estimates for Child Care Automated Attendance Tracking; and

• Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) fiscal agents and grantees (AEL entities) with:
PY’17 WIOA Title II allocations; and
additional funding for professional development

RESCISSIONS:

None

BACKGROUND:

On June 6, 2017, the Texas Workforce Commission’s three-member Commission (Commission) approved allocations and planning estimates for the programs listed above. The approved allocations and planning estimates are available under the “Annual Allocations” heading at Texas Workforce Commission Financial & Grant Information.

PROCEDURES:

No Local Flexibility (NLF): This rating indicates that Boards and AEL entities must comply with the federal and state laws, rules, policies, and required procedures set forth in this WD Letter and have no local flexibility in determining whether and/or how to comply. All information with an NLF rating is indicated by “must” or “shall.”

Local Flexibility (LF): This rating indicates that Boards and AEL entities have local flexibility in determining whether and/or how to implement guidance or recommended practices set forth in this WD Letter. All information with an LF rating is indicated by “may” or “recommend.”

NLF: Boards must use FY’18 planning estimates to assist in planning workforce services until the Commission approves the FY’18 allocations.

LF: AEL entities must use the PY’17 WIOA Title II allocations and additional funding to:
• plan and deliver instructional and professional development services as outlined in the grant agreements; and
• develop and execute strategies for meeting or exceeding contractual performance targets.

INQUIRIES:

Send inquiries regarding this WD Letter to Chris Nelson, Director of Budget, at (512) 463-1829 or Fiscal.TA@twc.state.tx.us.

REFERENCES:

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014
Texas Labor Code §302.062
Texas Labor Code, Chapter 315, Adult Education and Literacy Programs
Texas Workforce Commission General Administration Rules: 40 TAC, Chapter 800, Subchapter B