WIOA Low-Income Determination

For WIOA you will need to adhere to WIOA Section 3(36)(A)(ii) which defines a low income individual as an individual who:

a) Receives, has received in the past six (6) months, or is a member of a family that is receiving or has received in the past six (6) months, assistance through:
   i. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP);
   ii. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) programs;
   iii. The Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program; or
   iv. State or local income-based public assistance.

b) Is a homeless individual, as defined in the Violence Against Women Act, or the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (includes an individual who is "couch surfing" or has a temporary residence);

c) Receives or is eligible to receive a free or reduced-price lunch under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act;

d) Is a foster child on behalf of whom State or local government payments are made; or

e) Is in a family with a total family income that does not exceed the higher of:
   - 70 percent of the Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL); or
   - The Lower Living Standard (LLS)/Poverty Level.

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This last criterion is referred to as "income guidelines." For the WIOA Youth program, one (1) additional low-income criterion is that the individual is living in a High Poverty area.

Determining Yearly Income for LLSIL

To determine the yearly income for the LLSIL, you would follow the guidelines below:

1. Determine the current family size of the participant.
   – Family is defined as two (2) or more people related by blood, marriage, or decree of court, who are living in a single residence, and are included in one (1) or more of the following categories:
     - A married couple and dependent children;
     - A parent or guardian and dependent children; or
     - A married couple (WIOA 20 CFR 675.300).
2. Calculate the customer's annualized total family income: You will take the household income and determine what that amount would be annually. The easiest way to do this is determine the gross amount of income from every member of the household for one (1) month and multiply that amount by 12 to get the yearly income.
3. You will then look at the updated LLSIL chart in KEE Suite to determine if the yearly household income is considered low income.