WIA TITLE I-B PROGRAM MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

MEMORANDUM #04-09

To: All WIA Title I-B Youth Program Subrecipients

Subject: Youth Assessment and Individual Service Strategy Development

Effective Date: April 1, 2005 July 1, 2013

A. BACKGROUND

One of the cornerstones of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) is improved services to youth. The WIA Title I-B Youth Program is structured around the coordinated delivery of individual and tailored care for each youth from a menu of 10 program elements. The development of this individualized service delivery plan with eligible youth is predicated on a thorough and effective intake and assessment process. The service strategy developed must be monitored and updated on an ongoing basis to ensure each youth served achieves his personal goals as specified in her/his plan and to ensure the WorkSource Snohomish County system achieves its Federal and State youth program performance targets.

B. POLICY

It is the policy of the Snohomish County Workforce Development Council that each subrecipient receiving WIA Title I-B Youth Program funds develop a thorough system for conducting intake, assessment, and plan development for each youth found eligible for youth program services as described in WIA TITLE I-B YOUTH PROGRAM MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES Memorandum #04-01, Eligibility/Selection Criteria.

This system must include the completion of an Initial Assessment Objective Assessment utilizing the form provided in Attachment A. It must also include the completion and maintenance of an Individual Service Strategy utilizing the form provided in Attachment B.

The Initial Assessment Objective Assessment will document the following:

- basic and academic skills,
- occupational skills,
♦ educational and employment goals,
♦ interests and aptitudes,
♦ and status at intake on ROMA life domains recognized by the Snohomish County Workforce Development Council Snohomish County's Youth Council as critical to holistic youth development utilizing the form provided in Attachment B.

This information will be garnered from a series of assessment tools including interviewing; observation; norm and/or criterion-referenced tests; interest, aptitude, and values test batteries; and through other processes as appropriate.

The **INDIVIDUAL SERVICE STRATEGY** will document:

♦ appropriate achievement objectives and
♦ appropriate services.

These objectives and services will be arrayed in a logical sequence with anticipate timeframes.

The **INDIVIDUAL SERVICE STRATEGY** is a collaborative document which must be developed and signed by both the participant and her/his Case Manager.

**C. PROCEDURES**

Copies of both **the Objective Initial Assessment** and the **INDIVIDUAL SERVICE STRATEGY** must be included in the intake packet submitted to the WDC's Youth MIS contractor as part of the youth registration process. Copies must also be retained in the individual participant file maintained by the subrecipient. The subrecipient is responsible for ensuring that direct service delivery staff conduct ongoing reviews of **INDIVIDUAL SERVICE STRATEGIES**, making updates as appropriate.