

Eligibility

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- 1) *We are having a discussion in my office that I'd like your thoughts on. There seems to be a difference among staff as to what income is recorded when determining WIA eligibility, supportive services eligibility, and so forth. The difference occurs when you look at whether the individual has actually received the money or not. For example, if a person worked within the last six months to present, but for the last pay period had not received their payment, that amount would not be included. The only income included would be the funds that had been received. Of course the other view on this is even though the individual may be waiting for payment, it remains earned income for that period of time and should be included.*

Is there anything under WIA regulations that would address this? Or is this a local call/interpretation on which approach is taken? Can it be done both ways depending on what would benefit the client? Your thoughts on this would be helpful.

The federal WIA law at Section 101 (25) (A) states, "received an income, or is a member of a family that received a total family income, for the 6 month prior to application for the program involved..."

According to the federal law the individual would have to have received the income.