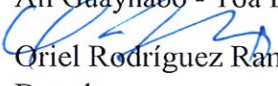




**ÁREA LOCAL**  
DE DESARROLLO LABORAL  
GUAYNABO / TOA BAJA

## **Public Policy No. 17-05**

# **Public Policy for Defining the Term “Youth Residing in a High-Poverty Area”**

**Date:** December 8, 2017  
**To:** All Guaynabo - Toa Baja Local Area Staff  
**From:**  Oriel Rodríguez Ramírez – Chairman of the Workforce Development Board

### **INTRODUCTION**

A significant portion of the population in Puerto Rico faces poverty, with incomes falling below the poverty level. This situation is closely intertwined with education and employment factors. In recognition of this reality, the Guaynabo-Toa Baja Local Workforce Development Board (GTB-LWDA) actively promotes workforce activities through job development systems. These efforts aim to help individuals enhance their postsecondary credentials, leading to improved employment prospects and long-term retention.

Under the provisions of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title I Youth Program, a new provision has been introduced that specifically benefits youth residing in high-poverty areas. These individuals are automatically deemed to meet the low-income criterion, which is one of the eligibility criteria for both In-School and Out-of-School youth.

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to establish the eligibility criteria for a youth residing in high-poverty areas.

### **LEGAL BASIS**

The concept and eligibility of a youth living in a high-poverty level area are established by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) section 127(b)(2)(c), 129(a)(2), and regulations at 20 CFR section 681.260.

Furthermore, Act 1-2001 of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico defines high-poverty level areas as special communities within Puerto Rico. These areas are geographically defined sectors with limited economic resources, marked by unequal access and integration to the benefits and advancements of the country's economic development process experienced by other population groups.

## **PUBLIC POLICY**

The Local Board has determined as public policy that youth residing in an area with a poverty rate above 25% shall automatically meet the low-income criteria, which is one of the eligibility criteria under Title I of WIOA. A high-poverty area is defined as a census tract, a set of contiguous census tracts, an Indian reservation, a village, or an Alaska Native county with a poverty rate of at least 30%, as established every 5 years using the U.S. Census Track.

Special communities and geographically delimited sectors with scarce economic resources exhibit the following characteristics:

- High school dropout rate.
- High illiteracy rate.
- High proportion of people living below the poverty level as established by the Federal Government.
- Family unit where a single head of household predominates as the sole breadwinner.
- High unemployment rate.
- Absence or deficiency in the provision of basic public services: schools, post office, transportation, garbage collection.
- Lack of job skills of residents.
- Absence or deficiency in infrastructure and basic services: The physical infrastructure and basic amenities such as electricity, water, sewage systems, paved streets, sidewalks, and recreational areas may be insufficient or absent in these areas.
- High proportion of housing in inadequate conditions.
- Absence of property titles.
- High concentration of psychosocial problems such as: addictions, security problems and domestic violence.

To define the concept of a youth living in a high-poverty area, the Local Board will utilize the following criteria for evaluating and determining eligibility under this criterion:

- Youth living in a high-poverty area who are economically disadvantaged will be considered eligible under the WIOA youth program.
- Youth residing in special communities, isolated communities, extreme poverty sectors, and public housing, as defined by the Census and/or identified by the Mayors of the Municipalities within the Guaynabo-Toa Baja Local Workforce Development Board



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(GTB-LWDB), will be eligible under the youth program. (Please refer to the Annex for further details).

- Additionally, the Local Board will utilize the "Lower Living Standard Income Level" (LLSIL) table provided by the Federal Government to determine the eligibility of youth based on their low-income status.

Annex: List of Special Communities, Extreme Poverty Sector and Public Housing.

## **EFFECTIVENESS**

This public policy shall become effective immediately after its approval.



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**APPENDIX**

<b>High-poverty Areas GUAYNABO</b>	
<b>NEIGHBORHOOD</b>	<b>SECTORS</b>
<b>Pueblo Viejo (Old Town)</b>	Sabana Dist., Vietnam
<b>Pueblo Viejo (Old Town)</b>	Amelia Dist.
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<b>Pueblo Viejo (Old Town)</b>	Juan Domingo, Sec. Las Flores, Sec. Sevilla, Sec. Los Robles, Sec. Tintillo
<b>Pueblo Viejo (Old Town)</b>	Juan Domingo, Sec. Las Flores, Sec. Sevilla
<b>Pueblo Viejo (Old Town)</b>	Sec. Camino Viejo, San Miguel Dist., Buen Samaritano Dist.
<b>Frailles</b>	Sec. Piedras Blancas, Sec. Los Catala, Sec. Los Llopiz, Sec. Mariquita, Sec. Los Garcia, Sec. Los Baez, Sec. Enrique Cuevas, Estancias de Guaynabo, Sec. Esteban Valcarcel, Sec. Villegas Valcarcel
<b>Frailles</b>	Comm. Los Filtros
<b>Frailles</b>	Comm. Los Filtros, Sect. La Lomita
<b>Frailles</b>	Sec. Arca de Noe, Sec. Ultimo Chance, Sec. Los Melendez
<b>Frailles</b>	Urb. Munoz Rivera
<b>Frailles</b>	Sec. Neira, Sec. Pucho Huertas, Sec. Isidra Solis, Sec. Melia
<b>Pueblo</b>	Cano Dist., Reparto Esperanza Dist., Fuentes Dist., Ramon Murgas Dist., Comm. Piedras Blancas, HP Villa Mabo, Sec. Cubita, Sec. Los Romero, Sec. Maine, Sec. Marrero, Sec. Reparto Esperanza, Sec. Valcarcel, HP Jardines de Guaynabo
<b>Camarones</b>	Sec. Altos de Camarones, Sec. Amapola Street, Sec. Los Lopez Street, Sec. Los Pinos Street, Sec. Kiros Alley, Sec. Comunal, Sec. El 24, Sec. El Cementerio, Sec. El Gallero, Sec. El Guayambo, Sec. El Hoya, Sec. El Mangotin, Sec. El Nazareno, Sec. Imprenta Gilbert, Sec. La Apama, Sec. La Pagana, Sec. Loma de Dima, Sec. Los Angeles, Sec. Los Berrios, Sec. Los Cabello, Sec. Los Hernandez, Sec. Los Jorge, Sec. Los Leones, Sec. Los Llanos Lopez, Sec. Los Lopez, Sec. Los Nazario II, Sec. Los Rios, Sec. Los Villegas, Sect. Manhattan, Sec. Maria Centeno, Sec. Moscu, Sec. Nando Rodriguez, Sec. Paseo de la Colina, Sec. Pedro Reyes *, Sec. Pepe Burgos, Sec. Pepe Resto, Sec. Pepe Tarzan, Sec. Petra Ortiz Camacho, Sec. Piedras Blancas (Patie), Sec. Pozo Hondo, Sec. Rafael Rondon, Sec. Rogelio Garcia, Sec. Short Hill.

<b>Santa Rosa</b>	Comm. Santa Rosa II, Sec. Los Rivera, Sec. Augusto Baez
<b>Santa Rosa y Camarones</b>	Sec. Andreita, Sec. Aquino, Sec. Augusto Baez, Sec. Baez, Sec. Campo Alegre, Sec. Canta Gallo, Sec. China, Sec. Cortijo, Sec. El As de Oro, Sec. El Guayambo, Sec. El Junker, Sec. El Llano, Sec. Gavillan Sec. Huertas, W.U. Riberas de Honduras, Sec. Juanillo Fuentes, Sec. La Torre, Sec. Las Cases, Sec. Llanos Lopez, Sec. Los Baez, Sec. Los Burgos, Sec. Los Hernandez, Sec. Los Llopiz, Sec. Los Lozada, Sec. Los Nazarios, Sec. Los Perez, Sec. Los Pizarro, Sec. Los Resto, Sec. Los Rivera, Sec. Los Rodriguez, Sec. Los Varela, Sec. Macho Rodriguez, Sec. Nuevo Horizonte, Sec. Pagan, Sec. Reparto Villegas, Sec. Santa Rosa, Sec. Santa Rosa I, II y III, Sec. Sisó Nazario, Sec. Villa Gandul, Sec. Vista Horizonte, Sec. Villa Acuaro, Sec. Los Jorge, Sec. Mosen, Sec. Manzano Ramos, Sec. Paseo de la Colina
<b>Guaraguao</b>	Comm. La Brecha, Comm. Villa Islefia *, Sec. Altos de Camarones *, Sec. Baez *N, Sec. Benito, Sec. Bonilla, Sec. Comunal *, Sec. Elipio Perez, Sec. Guzman, Sec. Juana Ramos, Sec. Korea, Sec. La Estrella, Sec. La Ley, Sec. Las Torres, Sec. Lopez Casares, Sec. Los Cintron, Sec. Los Garcia, Sec. Los Hernandez, Sec. Los Laguna, Sec. Los Landrau, Sec. Los Rios, Sec. Los Rivera, Sec. Los Romero, Sec. Los Suarez, Sec. Los Vega, Sec. Macetero, Sec. Morales, Sec. Nieves Padilla, Sec. Parcelas, Sec. Piyiye, Sec. Pueblo Viejo, Sec. Puerto Nuevo, Sec. Reyes Bonilla, Sec. Rosado, Sec. Sevilla, Sec. Tofio Baez
<b>Marney y Sonadora</b>	Sec. El Gato, Sec. Gilo Maldonado, Sec. La Marquesa, Sec. La Vereda, Sec. Las Parcelas *, Sec. Los Diaz, Sec. Los Lopez, Sec. Los Monzones, Sec. Machuca, Sec. Nieves Padilla, Sec. Parro de Jesus, Sec. Pueblo Viejo, Sec. Sonadora Alta, Sec. Sonadora Liana, Comm. Villa Islefia, Marney I, Marney II, Sec. Avelino Cancel, Sec. Baez Quinones, Sec. Carlos Sanchez, Sec. Centeno, Sec. El Laberinto, Sec. Felix Urbina, Sec. Green Ville *, Sec. Inclan, Sec. Los Cancel, Sec. Los Carrillo, Sec. Los Castro, Sec. Los Figueroa, Sec. Los Guzman, Sec. Los Hernandez, Sec. Los Laguna, Sec. Los Romero *, Sec. Los Rosado, Sec. Los Sanchez, Sec. Mabo, Sec. Pedro Reyes *, Sec. Piyiye, Sec. Pozo Hondo *, Sec. Rivera Rosado

<b>Rio</b>	Sec. Almendro, Sec. Hwy. PR-834, Sec. El 24, Sec. El Laberinto, Sec. Hoyo Caliente, Sec. La Muda, Sec. La Palmita, Sec. Lulu, Sec. Los Garcias, Sec. Los Mufflers, Sec. Los Rodriguez, Sec. Pedro Ramos, Sec. Tome, Sec. Villa Verde y Los Gonzalez.
<b>Hato Nuevo</b>	Sec. Altura Lomas del Sol, Sec. Brisas del Caribe, Sec. Capo, Sec. Hwy. PR-834, Sec. El Laberinto, Sec. El Paso, Sec. Familia Baez, Sec. Feliciano, Sec. Jorge Garcia, Sec. La Pajilla, Sec. La Paloma, Sec. Las Flores, Sec. Las Parcelas *, Sec. Los Limones, Sec. Los Lopez, Sec. Los Navarro, Sec. O'Neill, Sec. O'Neill Casanas, Sec. Sylvia, Sec. Urbina - La Paloma, Sec. Villa Esmegui

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Source: MAG & POT Geographic Information System

<b>High-poverty Areas CATANO</b>	
<b>NEIGHBORHOOD</b>	<b>SECTORS</b>
<b>Palmas</b>	Sec. Juana Matos
	Reparto Paraiso
	HP Coqui
	Parcel William Fuertes
	HP Juana Matos
	Urb. Coqui II
	Vista al Mar
	Puente Blanco
	Sec. Cucharillas
	Urb. Las Vegas
	141 Project
	Bajo Casto
	Urb. Jardines de Catano
	HP Barro Palmas
	HP Jardines de Catano
	Palm Court
	Urb. Bay View
	Urb. Bahia
	Vista del Morro
	Angeli Apartments (I y II)
Villa Aurora	

	Vietnam
	La Puntilla
	Pueblo
	Colindancia
	HP Matienzo Cintron
	Ciudad Feliz Condo.
	Pueblito

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

<b>High-poverty Areas TOA ALTA</b>
<b>Neighborhood</b>
Mucarabones
Mucarabones
Mucarabones
Contorno, Pueblo
Contorno
Ortiz
Ortiz
Ortiz
Ortiz
Ortiz, Quebrada Cruz
Contorno, Galateo, Pinas, Quebrada Cruz
Quebrada Arenas, Rio Lajas
Quebrada Arenas, Quebrada Cruz
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

<b>High-poverty Areas TOA BAJA</b>	
<b>NEIGHBORHOOD</b>	<b>SECTORS</b>
<b>Sabana Seca</b>	Ingenio, Villa Calma, Monserrate, Villa Marisol, Villa Kennedy, Sec. Camasey, Sec. La Vega, Sec. Cuatro Cuerdas, Sec. Los Magos, Sec. Los Bravos
<b>Candelaria</b>	Candelaria Arenas, Villa Gutierrez, Villa Albizu, Villa Clemente, Villa Davila, Almendro, Sec. Marfa Lacen, Sec. El Guayabal, Sec. Alto el Cabro
<b>Media Luna</b>	Urb. Brisas del Campanero I y II, Campanillas, Toa Ville, San Jose, Villa Quintero, Villa Esperanza
<b>Media Luna</b>	n/a
<b>Pueblo</b>	n/a
<b>Palo Seco</b>	n/a

## **PUBLIC HOUSING**

### **Guaynabo**

- Jardines De Guaynabo
- La Rosaleda
- Rafael Martínez Nadal
- Villas de Mabó
- Zenón Díaz Valcárcel

### **Catano**

- El Coquí
- Jardines de Catano
- Juana Matos I
- Juana Matos II
- Juana Matos III
- Las Palmas
- Rosendo Matienzo Cintron



### **Toa Alta**

- Jardines de San Fernando
- Ramon Pérez Rodríguez

### **Toa Baja**

- El Toa
- Villas de Sabana