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JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT (JTPA)

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The Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) is a program funded by the United States Department of Labor to provide employment and training programs for eligible individuals and dislocated workers. Rhode Island is divided into three Service Delivery Areas (SDAs): the Northern Rhode Island Consortium, Providence/Cranston, and the balance of the State. The Rhode Island Department of Economic Development, Job Development and Training Division, operates the programs for the balance of the State. The Department of Employment Security operates the program for the Northern Rhode Island Consortium. Providence/Cranston operates its own program, the characteristics and eligibility of which may be significantly different from the state-run programs.

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JTPA ELIGIBILITY

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JTPA programs are offered under Titles II A and III. Each title has its own eligibility criteria. JTPA regulations stipulate the types of income to be considered or excluded when determining eligibility. A final determination can be made only at the appropriate Intake Center.

Title II A

To be eligible under Title II A of the Job Training Partnership Act, one must be economically disadvantaged in accordance with at least one of the criteria listed below:

- a recipient of public assistance or a member of a family receiving public assistance;
- a food stamp recipient;
- a member of a family whose family income (last six (6) months x 2), excluding unemployment benefits, child support, public assistance, among others, does not exceed:

Family Size	Annual Income
1	\$ 5,770
2	8,170
3	11,220
4	13,850
5	16,340
6	19.110

(Add \$2,770 for each additional member);

- a foster child; or
- a handicapped individual whose own income conforms to the above, but whose family's does not.

Title III

To be eligible under Title III of JTPA, one must be a dislocated worker in accordance with one (1) of the criteria below:

- a person terminated or laid off from employment or

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notified of imminent termination or layoff, eligible for or having exhausted Unemployment Compensation, and unlikely to return to one's former industry or occupation; or

 a person terminated or notified of termination as a result of a permanent plant closing.

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JTPA INTAKE CENTERS

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Rhode Island Job Development and Training Intake Centers are staffed to provide eligibility determination, vocational assessment and counseling, remedial academic instruction, and the job readiness programs. Persons seeking information about JTPA may call the appropriate Intake Center.

Department of Employment Security, Northern Rhode Island Consortium Offices

For residents of Burrillville, Central Falls, Cumberland, Lincoln, North Smithfield, Pawtucket, Smithfield and Woonsocket only.

Pawtucket DES Office

Woonsocket DES Office

Max Berry Building 109 Main Street Pawtucket, RI 02860 722-7500 217 Pond Street Woonsocket, RI 02895 762-9010

Rhode Island Job Development and Training, Balance of State

-Newport Intake (Wednesday only) 73 Valley Road Middletown, RI 02840 847-3680

-South County Intake
Washington County
Government Center
Tower Hill Road
Wakefield, RI 02879
789-3036

-Warwick Intake 26 Airport Plaza 1800 Post Road Warwick, RI 02889 277-6910 (11) (12)

Providence/Cranston Job Training Partnership

40 Fountain Street Providence, RI 02903 861-0800 The Hamilton Building 1090 Cranston Street Cranston, RI 02920 461-1000, Ext. 120

Note: Residents of Providence and Cranston are generally not eligible for Rhode Island Job Development and Training (RI JDT) programs. There are exceptions, however. Some Title III programs operated by RI JDT are available to Providence/Cranston residents,

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but the Providence/Cranston Job Training Partnership administers its own programs which may differ substantially from those described.

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JTPA TRAINING PROGRAMS

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JTPA training programs include the following.

Pre-Employment Programs (PREP)

The PREP Vocational Planning Program uses a group format to provide self-assessment, career exploration and the development of a vocational plan. Structured exercises and discussions provide participants with the opportunity to examine their interests, work values, aptitudes, skills, and experience and relate them to the world of work. The week-long program includes instruction in systematic decision-making and planning.

The PREP Work Readiness Program provides employability development and training services to youths and adults.

Classroom Training

Vocational training is developed to offer skills in areas where a demand exists for trained employees. Programs equip the participant with technical skills for particular jobs.

On-the-Job Training (OJT)

In an On-the-Job Training program, a private employer hires a participant and is reimbursed up to fifty percent of the training costs involved in teaching the participant skills for a specific job. While in an OJT program, the participant receives full salary and benefits. At the end of a successful training program, the participant becomes a permanent employee.

Job Club

The Job Club is a two-week program aimed at providing the skills necessary to conduct a productive job search. Instruction in completing job applications, preparing effective resumes, and video tape training in interviewing skills comprise the formal portion of the program. Group support and a supervised job hunt help maintain the job-seeker's morale.

Summer Youth Employment and Training Program (SYETP)

The Summer Youth Employment and Training Program provides education and vocational activities to young people, aged

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14 to 21, during the summer months. Services include career exploration, occupational skills training, and vocational counseling and guidance. Participants in SYETP receive the minimum wage.

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NEEDS-BASED PAYMENT SYSTEM

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Participants who meet eligibility criteria and are economically disadvantaged and are enrolled in Classroom Training or PREP-Work Readiness receive a weekly needs-based payment as indicated below:

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Basic Hourly Payment

1 2 3 4	\$ 2.00 \$ 2.46 \$ 2.92 \$ 3.38
5	\$ 3.84
6	\$ 4.30
7	\$ 4.76
8	\$ 5.22

For family units with more than eight members, add \$0.46 per hour for each individual member.

The following exceptions apply:

- Adults, or minor heads of households, who are recipients of a cash welfare grant or who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) will only receive a \$3.00 per day transportation allowance while enrolled in:
 - -- Pre-Employment (PREP) Work Readiness,
 - --Classroom Training, or
 - --Job Club.
- A minor dependent member of a family regardless of whether that family receives a public assistance payment receives a needs-based payment for a family of one (1).
- A member of a family receiving a public assistance payment is eligible to receive a needs-based payment for a family of one (1) provided that the individual is not included in the family's assistance grant.
- A handicapped person determined eligible for JTPA as a

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family of one (1) receives a needs-based payment for a family of one (1).

- Persons, either minor or adult, receiving unemployment benefits receive the difference, if any, between their benefits and the weekly needs-based payment.
- A participant in a Job Club Program receives a transportation allowance of up to \$5.00 per day with the following exceptions:
 - -- If an individual is the recipient of a public assistance grant, a \$3.00 per day transportation allowance is issued.
 - -- If an individual is enrolled in a Pre-Employment Program which allows for a needs-based payment and Job Club is an activity of that program, s/he continues to receive the needs-based payment in lieu of a transportation allowance.
- An SDA may (at its discretion) provide transportation payments to enrollees receiving hourly needs-based payments.
- An SDA may waive all or part of its hourly needs-based payments to all participants in the program or contract affected. However, the waiver does not apply to the \$3.00 per day transportation allowance provided to public assistance recipients.

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Adult Participants

Earned income under the auspices of a JTPA program is subject to the usual GPA income disregard provisions (see Section 0612.10). Accordingly, after the application of appropriate disregards, income is counted in determining both eligibility and the amount of the GPA grant.

Incentives are considered in the same manner as earnings.

An allowance is excluded from consideration if it is provided for specific goods or services not included in the GPA standard of need. For example, a transportation allowance furnished to meet an expense resulting from participation in a JTPA program is totally disregarded.

Child(ren) Under Age 18

Income derived from a JTPA program is excluded when earned by a child on GPA. Such income is excluded in determining the amount of the assistance grant for a period not to exceed six (6) months per calendar year. However, if the child is a full-time student or a part-time student but not a full-time employee, the wages are excluded without limit (see Section 0612.20).

Consideration of JTPA Income for:

Determination of Assistance Payment	Adult	Child/Non Student	Child/Full Time Student	Child/Part Time Stu- dent/Not full time Employee
Wages	Treat as: Earned Income	Excluded Six Months of Calendar Year	Excluded Without Limit	Excluded Without Limit
Incentives	Treat as: Earned	Unearned	Unearned	Unearned

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	Income	Income Excluded	Income Excluded	Income Excluded
Allowances	Excluded	Excluded	Excluded	Excluded

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