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## Yavapai County Workforce Development Policy:

### Use of WIOA Funds for Activities Related to Medical/Recreational Marijuana

**EFFECTIVE DATE: APRIL 8, 2021**

**I. PURPOSE:**

To define policy regarding the use of federal funds for training and employment programs that involve the sale, manufacture, dispensing of medical/recreational marijuana.

**II. BACKGROUND:**

Proposition 207 passed in November 3, 2020 as the "Smart and Safe Arizona Act", allowing individuals 21 years of age or older the right to legal possession, transfer and use of up to 1 oz. of marijuana and grow no more than 6 plants for personal use, based of ARS Chapter 28.2 Section 36.

This policy is prepared in alignment with Arizona Department of Economic Security Division of Employment and Rehabilitation Services Informational Broadcast (IB) 21-001, dated February 18, 2021, to clarify the use of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title I-B funds for workforce activities relating to marijuana containing Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC).

**III. PROVISION:**

Federally funded programs are bound by federal law. Legislative changes by states, including Arizona, do not alter federal law, existing suitability criteria, or Executive Branch policies regarding marijuana.

**Federally funded programs shall not support WIOA Title I-B job seekers and/or business services in the marijuana industry containing THC.**

Below are some examples where the use of federal funds is not allowable with respect to THC:

- Referrals and/or posting of job orders;
- Trainings for jobs at a dispensary;
- Work Experience (WEX) at a dispensary; or
- Supportive services for a job at a dispensary.

In addition, with respect to marijuana containing THC, this means federal funds **shall not:**

1. Support a customer in entering or retaining employment that is related to the growing, selling, producing, handling, or distribution of marijuana in any form;
2. Support Education in fields of study specific to the marijuana industry;
3. Support self-employment or small business goals, or ventures associated with the marijuana industry. This includes any business that has related activity that involves marijuana as a component of the business, including self-employment plans that result in the establishment of a dispensary or other marijuana-based industry employment;
4. Be used to support businesses that include marijuana production, processing, transportation, sales or other marijuana-related activities as a component of their business;  
or
5. Be used to purchase marijuana in any form on behalf of a customer nor assist a customer in the acquisition or consumption of marijuana in any form.

There are no exceptions to this provision.

**POLICY ADOPTED BY THE YAVAPAI COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2021.**



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