

Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Title 1B

***Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs
Guide to Participant Case File Documentation***

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The Automated System Support for Employment and Training (ASSET) system is Wisconsin's WIA Title 1, Title 3 and Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) reporting system. To the extent possible, case managers should use ASSET to its fullest extent as both a reporting and a case management tool. The need for locally retained documents that cannot be reproduced or easily entered into the system will never be completely removed. However, to reduce duplicate reporting, minimize local storage requirements, facilitate staff file reviews, and validate participant data, there are a number of items that can, and should be reported in ASSET.

* Data elements subject to data validation.

Participation Requirement/ Data Element Validation	Acceptable Documentation/Verification
Local Application Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signed and dated local application form
Participant Rights/Complaints	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WDB-issued statement explaining participant's rights and responsibilities in the program and processes for filing complaints and grievances. • Evidence that participant has been provided a copy of their rights in the program and the process for filing a complaint.
Release of Information Authorization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement authorizing release of a participant's personal information to other providers on a need-to-know basis. Statement signed and dated by participant and clearly indicates information to be released, to whom, and effective dates. The participant is provided a copy and copy retained in case file. <p>This need not be a stand-alone document – may be combined with other forms in use (e.g., local application form).</p>
Individual with a Disability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from Drug or Alcohol Rehabilitation Agency • Medical Records • Physician, Psychiatrist or Psychologist diagnosis/statement • Rehabilitation evaluation • School records

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Individual with a Disability - Continued	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation from sheltered workshop • Social Security Administration Disability records • Social Service records/referrals • Veterans Administration letter/records • Vocational Rehabilitation letter/statement • Worker's Compensation records/statement • Applicant statement • Case notes regarding observable condition
Veteran Status*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DD-214 form (military separation/discharge papers) • Other military documents • Verification from Local Veterans Employment Representative (LVER) or Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP) staff <p>Otherwise, assist veteran with obtaining the DD-214 form (see http://dva.state.wi.us/Webforms/WDVA_1045_Request_for_Military_Separation_Records.pdf)</p>
Employment Status at Participation*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pay stub showing current employment • Pay stub showing last date of employment if not employed at participation • Employer statement or telephone verification • Applicant statement • Case notes
Local Priority of Service	<p>If the WDB has implemented a local priority of service policy (for example, adults with a household income below 200% of the Federal Poverty Limit), then appropriate documentation must be maintained in the file.</p>
Low Income Status* (for determining eligibility)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accountant statement • Alimony agreement (documenting <u>amount</u> of income) • Bank statements • Court Award Letter/Decree of Court (documenting <u>amount</u> of income)

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Low Income Status* - Continued	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employer statement or telephone verification • Farm or business financial records • Pay stubs • Pension statement • Quarterly Estimated Tax for Self-employed Persons (Schedule C) • Social Security Benefits records (including SSDI) • Lease or landlord statement • Housing Authority verification • Most recent tax return supported by IRS documents • Notice of eligibility and benefits from public assistance agency • Compensation award letter (including worker's compensation) • Regular insurance or annuity statement • College or university grant award letter (excluding Pell grant) • Estate or trust fund statement • Applicant statement
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice of eligibility and benefits from public assistance agency • Copy of check • Signed statement or telephone verification from Human Services Agency • Documentation of information from CMDR

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<p>Other Public Assistance* (General Assistance (GA), Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA), Supplemental Security Income (SSI)</p> <p><i>General Assistance:</i> A cash assistance program operated by county agencies in a number of Wisconsin counties.</p> <p><i>Refugee Cash Assistance:</i> Welfare and medical assistance provided to financially needy, recently arrived refugees and asylees who are ineligible for other programs.</p> <p><i>Supplemental Security Income:</i> A needs-based program for people whose Social Security benefit (either retirement or disability) is low.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice of eligibility and benefits from public assistance agency • Copy of check • Signed statement or telephone verification from Human Services Agency
<p>Date of Qualifying Dislocation*and Special Response/National Emergency Grant Qualifying Employer* (dislocated workers)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verification from employer • Notice of layoff • 1st Unemployment Insurance letter/statement (indicating dislocation employer) • Rapid Response List • Media article or public announcement describing the layoff; must include name of medium in which published and date of publication, along with evidence participant was employed there • Applicant statement

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Assessment	<p>Documentation of assessments performed must be maintained in the case file and the results of assessments reported in ASSET. Documentation may be from an authorized 3rd party (e.g., DVR, other vocational assessments, etc.). Assessment elements include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work History - obtained by interview; participant statement 2. Education - participant statement, diplomas, school transcripts, etc. 3. Basic Skills - results of basic skills assessments 4. Occupational Skills - skill assessments, work and life experience, training certificates, educational records, participant statement 5. Interests - participant statement, formal occupational interest assessment 6. Aptitudes - work and life experience, educational records, formal occupational aptitude assessment 7. Aptitudes and Interest in Nontraditional Occupations – participant statement, work and life experience, educational records, formal occupational aptitude assessment 8. Employment Barriers - formal or informal assessment, participant statement 9. Financial Resources and Needs - documentation of income, records of public assistance, participant statement, statement from debt management agency 10. Supportive Service Needs - formal or informal assessment, participant statement, documentation of income
Individual Employment Plan (IEP)	<p>An Employability Plan developed for WIA or another program. The ASSET Employability Plan or a locally developed format is acceptable. However, any format used must include the following elements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is based on the results of assessment (the IEP should include activities and services to address issues identified by the assessment). 2. Is jointly developed (signed and dated) by the case manager and the participant (statement or other evidence that IEP was jointly developed and agreed to by the participant and the case manager). 3. The participant's employment goals (primary and secondary employment goals) are identified. 4. Appropriate achievement objectives (interim objectives and planned outcomes) including who, what, when, where and how are identified.

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Individual Employment Plan (IEP) - Continued	5. Appropriate combination of services to achieve the employment goals (service strategy identifies activities, planned and actual begin and end dates, service provider; services identified in IEP are the same as those recorded and tracked in ASSET). 6. Is regularly updated (updates are made as required by local policy or as warranted by changes to the plan or the participant's circumstances). 7. Identifies/includes non-WIA funded services that are part of the strategy to address needs and achieve goals.
Non-Traditional Occupations (NTO) Orientation	Evidence that participant has received information or materials orienting them to non-traditional occupations (what NTOs are and how to access them). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attestation by case manager that this orientation was provided (<i>ASSET - Manage Programs</i>) • Statement from participant that they received this orientation • Evidence of attendance at group orientation activities or individual service noted in case notes
Case Notes	Entries made at regular intervals during customer's participation documenting contacts, events, services, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case notes in ASSET
PELL/Other Financial Aid	Evidence that participant has applied for financial aid. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documents from educational institution indicating eligibility for or denial of aid • Documentation indicating the training program does not qualify for financial aid
Intensive Services	Eligibility for intensive services is documented by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An IEP has been developed (IEP present in case file or ASSET); and • The individual has received at least one core service (reported ASSET service; case notes); and • Eligibility and the need for intensive services is supported by and documented in the case record and meets the following criteria: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. need is established by the initial assessment or the individual's inability to obtain employment through core services provided (assessment documents, case notes) 2. individual is in a "priority of service" category, if any, as established by the local WDB (supporting documents, e.g., proof of low income status, in case file)
Intensive Service Date*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signed and dated IEP • Documentation from school or other service provider • Documents verifying activities (attendance sheets, vouchers, etc.) • Case notes

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Training Services	<p>Eligibility for training services is documented by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An IEP has been developed (IEP present in case file or ASSET); and • The individual has received at least one core service and at least one intensive service (reported ASSET service; case notes); and • Eligibility and the need for training services is supported by and documented in the case record and meets the following criteria: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is in a “priority of service” category, if any, as established by WDB 2. Participant has been determined to be unable to obtain or retain employment through intensive services (documented in case notes) 3. Participant has been determined to be in need of training services (through interview, case management, evaluation or assessment and as documented in case notes) 4. Participant has been determined to have the skills and qualifications to successfully complete the training program services (through interview, case management, evaluation or assessment and as documented in case notes) 5. Participant has selected a program of training directly linked to the employment opportunities (demand occupations) in the local area or another area in which the individual is willing to relocate (case file documents process of determining link to employment opportunities) 6. Participant has been determined to be unable to obtain grant assistance from other sources to pay the cost of training or requires WIA assistance in addition to other grant sources (copy of documents from educational institution indicating participant’s eligibility for or denial of financial aid, or documentation indicating training program does not qualify for financial aid).
Date Entered Training*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation from training provider • Documents verifying activities (attendance sheets, vouchers, etc.) • Case notes
Date Completed or Withdrew from Training*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation from training provider • Copy of degree, certificate, diploma • Case notes

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Type of Training Service* (On-the-Job (OJT), customized, occupational)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation from training provider • Certificates • Case notes
Type of Recognized Credential*	<p>Must document program was completed <u>and</u> diploma/degree earned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diploma • Transcript that shows a degree or diploma was conferred • Certificate • License (regular driver's license is excluded) • Official communication from training provider – must include type of degree/diploma, date awarded, institution that awarded degree/diploma, participant's name, and name, title and phone number of individual providing information • Case notes
High Wage Training (35%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Printout from Wisconsin Technical College <i>Graduate Follow-Up Report</i> • Other documentation from the specific training provider • Local or State labor market information if graduate placement report is unavailable • Documentation from employer (OJT and customized training) • Employability Plan reflecting “career laddering” goals, combined with wage documentation for both the short term and long term employment goals
Service Provider Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual Training Account (ITA) voucher • Supportive service vouchers • Case notes
Training Plan – Work Experience or OJT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written training plan that complies with requirements in the DWS Workforce Programs Guide, Assurances and Certifications, Worksite Agreements • Training plan is signed and dated by participant, employer and authorized representative of WDB or WIA service provider

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Worksite Agreement – Work Experience or OJT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written worksite agreement/OJT contract that complies with requirements in the DWS Workforce Programs Guide, Assurances and Certifications, Worksite Agreements. • Worksite agreement/OJT contract is signed and dated by participant, employer and authorized representative of WDB or WIA service provider.
Planned Gap in Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training class schedule indicating date training will begin • Documentation from training provider • Letter from physician or other health care professional • Documents that describe the reason for the move (out of the area) and expected date of return • If move is result of military service, notification from armed forces branch requiring the move
Program Exit Exit Date*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For participants who exit prior to July 1, 2006 - case notes documenting exit and reason for exit • For participants who exit between July 1, 2006 and early January 2007 - case notes documenting exit and reason for exit or exclusion from performance measures • For any participant exiting after the “automated exit” is implemented - exit date in ASSET if the participant is an automated (“soft”) exit

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Other (exclusionary) Exit* (at the time of exit or during 3 quarter period following exit)	<p>Specific documentation if exit reason is death, health/medical, family care, incarceration/institutionalization, or military reservist called to active duty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obituary • Media article or public announcement listing the name of the participant and describing the significance of the current health condition; must include name of medium in which published and date of publication • Letter from physician/medical facility • Hospital or other medical report • Benefit letter (SSI/SSDI) • Social Service records • Vocational Rehabilitation letter/statement • Worker's Compensation records/statement • Letter from family member • Military activation notice • Verification from criminal justice system/court records • Applicant statement • Co-habitation agreement • Case notes (must specify how condition was determined, who reported it, contact information for follow-up and validation purposes, and date of contact)
Follow Up Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of follow-up letters, materials, etc. • Activity sheets, attendance rosters • Information from employer • Receipt for follow-up support services • Case notes (including "attempts" to contact) • Reported in ASSET under Manage Follow-ups (<i>Follow-Up Service Screen</i>)

Program Completion/ Data Element Validation	Acceptable Documentation/verification
Supplemental Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey or telephone response from participant accompanied by written document such as W-2, pay stub(s), or IRS Form 1099 covering the pertinent performance period(s). • Written documentation (e-mail, letter, survey or fax) from employer. Must include dates of employment, employer's name, contact number, and name/title of the individual confirming the participant's employer. (Wage amounts are NOT required for supplemental data.) • For self-employed individuals: Written verification from major clients Wisconsin State Tax Form PRA-012 (Premier Resort Area Tax Return) Wisconsin State Tax Form ST-12 (Sales and Use Tax Return) Wisconsin Form EX-012, Local Exposition Tax Return Wisconsin Form S-220a, Schedule P (Attachment to Form BCR, Buyer's Claim for Refund of Wisconsin State County and Stadium Sales Taxes) IRS Form 1040, Schedule C (Profit or Loss from Business) IRS Form 1040, Schedule SE (Self-Employment Tax) IRS Form 1040, Schedule E (Supplemental Income and Loss) IRS Form 1099, Schedule C-EZ (Net Profit from Business) IRS Form 1099-B (Proceeds from Broker & Barter Exchange Transactions) • Verification from professional employment matching services (for example, "The Work Number") • Confirmation from DWS that employment was verified using FEDES Postal Service, Department of Defense or U.S. Office of Personnel Management employment data <p>Other forms of verification may be acceptable; contact DWS staff for clarification.</p>