**TITLE: Veterans Programs: Federal Veterans’ Affairs (VA) Work Study Allowance Program Policy**

**REFERENCES**

The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998, Public Law 103-152 (WorkSource); the Wagner-Peyser Act as amended by WIA (Labor Exchange); Title 38, United States Code (USC), Chapters 41 and 42 (Veterans); and the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 20, Chapter V, Part 652, Subpart B, and Chapter IX, Parts 1001 and 1005 (Veterans). The VA work-study allowances are governed by Title 38, USC, Chapters 30, 31, 32, and 35; and Title 10, USC, Chapter 106.

**PURPOSE**

**Background**

The VA Work Study Allowance Program began as a supplemental program to the GI Bill. VA work-study students may be employed by any state or federal agency or training institution, but are limited to working only with veterans' programs.

The cost of the program is the responsibility of the VA. The only cost to the hosting agency is the cost of used space, equipment, training, and supervision of the VA work-study student.

**PERSONS AFFECTED**

This communication applies only to ESD staff as well as agencies or organizations who have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the local Workforce Development Councils (WDCs) who have signed a data sharing agreement with ESD, staff have completed SKIES training and have signed a notice or oath of confidentiality.

**DEFINITIONS**

Definitions relating to Veterans are found in Policies and Procedures communications number 4030, Services for Veterans.

**POLICY**

It is the policy of the Employment Security Department (ESD) to provide educationally disadvantaged or unemployed veteran students with an opportunity to learn and work part-time through the utilization of the Federal Veterans' Affairs (VA) Work-Study Allowance Program.

VA work-study students are not used to replace existing staff and are used only to augment Local Veterans' Employment Representative (LVER) and Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP) staff to provide quality service to veterans.

Compliance with this policy is a condition of continued work-study participation. Failure to comply by the work-study student can be grounds for dismissal from the program. Appropriate VA authorities will be notified of reason for dismissal.

**SUPERSEDES**

This communication cancels and supersedes Policies and Procedures #4035 dated June 16, 2000.

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