# Appendix I -Definition of In-School Youth (ISY) and Out-of-School Youth (OSY)

WIOA requires the delivery of a comprehensive array of youth services that help out-of-school youth and in-school youth with one or more barriers to employment prepare for post-secondary education and employment opportunities, attain educational and skills training credentials, and secure employment with career/promotional opportunities. For purposes of eligibility, below is the definition:

Out-of-school youth (OSY) - An OSY is an individual who is:

1. Not attending any school (as defined under State law);
2. Not younger than age 16 or older than age 24 at time of enrollment; and
3. One or more of the following:
   1. A school dropout;
   2. A youth who is within the age of compulsory school attendance, but has not attended school for at least the most recent complete school year calendar quarter;
   3. A recipient of a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent who is a low-income individual and is either basic skills deficient or an English language learner;
   4. An offender;
   5. A homeless individual, a homeless child or youth, or a runaway;
   6. An individual in foster care or who has aged out of the foster care system or has attained 16 years of age and left foster care for kinship guardianship or adoption, a child eligible for assistance under sec. 477 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 677), or in an out-of-home placement;
   7. An individual who is pregnant or parenting;
   8. An individual with a disability; or
   9. A low-income individual who requires additional assistance to enter or complete an educational program or secure or hold employment.

In-school youth (ISY) - An ISY is an individual who is:

1. Attending school (as defined by State law), including secondary and postsecondary school;
2. Not younger than age 14 or (unless an individual with a disability who is attending school under State law) older than age 21 at the time of enrollment;
3. A low-income individual; and
4. One or more of the following:
   1. Basic skills deficient;
   2. An English language learner;
   3. An offender;
   4. A homeless individual, a homeless child or youth, or a runaway;
   5. An individual in foster care or who has aged out of the foster care system or has attained 16 years of age and left foster care for kinship guardianship or adoption, a child eligible for assistance under sec. 477 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 677), or in an out-of-home placement;
   6. An individual who is pregnant or parenting;
   7. An individual with a disability; or
   8. An individual who requires additional assistance to complete an educational program or to secure or hold employment.