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Sec. 31-3g-1. Definitions

(a) “Commissioner” means the Labor Commissioner of the State of Connecticut whose mailing address is 200 Folly Brook Boulevard, Wethersfield, Connecticut 06109.

(b) “Labor Department” means the State of Connecticut Labor Department.

(c) “Advisory Council” means the council of not less than 10 nor more than 15 members appointed by the Commissioner to consult with and advise the Commissioner as to criteria which shall be used to identify displaced homemakers and determine programs and services appropriate to the skills development of the applying displaced homemaker. The Advisory Council shall include representatives from the departments of Labor, Education, Higher Education, Income Maintenance, Human Resources, the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women, providers of assistance and program access services, and such other members the Commissioner deems necessary.

(d) “Displaced homemaker” means an individual who

(1) has worked in the home providing unpaid household services for family members

(2) has been dependent on the income of another family member but is no longer supported by that income or is receiving public assistance, and

(3) has had or would have difficulty in securing employment sufficient to provide for economic independence.

(e) “Financial Resources” means the amount of income available to a displaced homemaker.

(f) “Level of marketable skills” means the degree of ability a displaced homemaker possesses to secure employment.

(g) “Area of residence” means a geographical location in which a displaced homemaker resides including, but not limited to, any area of high unemployment of limited access to appropriate services.

(Effective October 30, 1985)

Sec. 31-3g-2. Provision of service

The Commissioner of Labor shall provide assistance within existing resources to displaced homemakers and access to programs specific to the job training and placement needs of displaced homemakers. The Commissioner shall, through the Job Service office of the Employment Security Division, provide such access to all existing programs and services suitable to the skill development of the applying displaced homemaker.

In providing the appropriate assistance and access to all existing programs deemed suitable, the Commissioner shall consider the applicants, with an emphasis on women over the age of thirty-five years, and their need for services based on their:

(1) financial resources,

(2) level of marketable skills,

(3) ability to speak the English language and

(4) area of residence.

The Commissioner shall refer applicants to the appropriate support services necessary for employment and training.

(Effective October 30, 1985)

Sec. 31-3g-3. Types of services

Such assistance and program access services shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) vocational counseling and education,
- (2) assessment of skills,
- (3) job training for various occupations, including skilled craft and technical vocations for which there is a demand in industry,
- (4) job placement,
- (5) assistance with child care and transportation,
- (6) personal counseling,
- (7) information and referral, and
- (8) financial management counseling.

(Effective October 30, 1985)

Sec. 31-3g-4. Assistance & access to programs

The Commissioner shall within existing resources:

- (1) identify and provide to applying displaced homemakers information on all appropriate Labor Department programs and services,
- (2) refer applying displaced homemakers to such appropriate programs,
- (3) encourage maximum utilization by displaced homemakers of these programs,
- (4) provide information to applying displaced homemakers on appropriate programs of which he is aware in other agencies.

(Effective October 30, 1985)

Sec. 31-3g-5. Duties of advisory council

(a) The advisory council shall consult with and advise the Commissioner as to criteria which shall be used to identify displaced homemakers and determine programs and services appropriate to the skills development of the applying displaced homemaker. The advisory council shall develop specific recommendations for funding multi-service programs which meet the training and job placement needs of displaced homemakers.

(b) The advisory council shall request annually information from the Commissioner on all Labor Department programs and services appropriate to displaced homemakers.

(c) The advisory council shall meet on a regular basis sufficient to carry out its duties and shall present an annual written report to the Commissioner.

(Effective October 30, 1985)

Sec. 31-3g-6. Consideration by labor commissioner

The Commissioner shall consider the recommendations of the advisory council in further funding requests necessary to provide services for the displaced homemaker population.

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