



The Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006

Self-Sufficiency for Displaced Homemakers and Single Parents

The **Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act** was signed into law by President Bush on August 12, 2006. The new law requires local recipients of Perkins dollars to use funds for programs that help special populations – including single parents and displaced homemakers – prepare for high skill, high wage, or high demand occupations that lead to self-sufficiency.

Previously, local recipients *could* spend Perkins funding on programs for special populations, and many did – but they weren't *required* to do so.

Local Plan – Section 134(b)(8)(C)

(b) Contents- The eligible agency shall determine the requirements for local plans, except that each local plan shall--

(8) describe how the eligible recipient will--

(C) provide activities to prepare special populations, including single parents and displaced homemakers, for high skill, high wage, or high demand occupations that will lead to self-sufficiency;

Local Required Uses of Funds - Section 135(b)(9)

(b) Requirements for Uses of Funds- Funds made available to eligible recipients under this part shall be used to support career and technical education programs that--

(9) provide activities to prepare special populations, including single parents and displaced homemakers who are enrolled in career and technical education programs, for high skill, high wage, or high demand occupations that will lead to self-sufficiency.