

**237.1 Definitions.**

As used in [this chapter](#):

1. “Administrator” means the administrator of that division of the department designated by the director of human services to administer [this chapter](#) or the administrator’s designee.
2. “Agency” means a person, as defined in [section 4.1, subsection 20](#), which provides child foster care and which does not meet the definition of an individual in [subsection 7](#).
3. “Child” means child as defined in [section 234.1, subsection 2](#).
4. “Child foster care” means the provision of parental nurturing, including but not limited to the furnishing of food, lodging, training, education, supervision, treatment or other care, to a child on a full-time basis by a person other than a relative or guardian of the child, but does not include:
  - a. Care furnished by an individual person who receives the child of a personal friend as an occasional and personal guest in the individual person’s home, free of charge and not as a business.
  - b. Care furnished by an individual person with whom a child has been placed for lawful adoption, unless that adoption is not completed within two years after placement.
  - c. Care furnished by a private boarding school subject to approval by the state board of education pursuant to [section 256.11](#).
  - d. Child care furnished by a child care center, a child development home, or a child care home as defined in [section 237A.1](#).
  - e. Care furnished in a hospital licensed under [chapter 135B](#) or care furnished in a nursing facility licensed under [chapter 135C](#).
5. “Department” means the department of human services.
6. “Facility” means the personnel, program, physical plant, and equipment of a licensee.
7. “Individual” means an individual person or a married couple who provides child foster care in a single-family home environment and which does not meet the definition of an agency in [subsection 2](#).
8. “Licensee” means an individual or an agency licensed by the administrator under [this chapter](#).

[C27, 31, 35, §3661-a42, -a43; C39, §3661.056, 3661.057; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, §237.1, 237.2; C81, §237.1; [82 Acts, ch 1016, §1](#)]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159](#); [86 Acts, ch 1245, §1418](#); [87 Acts, ch 44, §1](#); [90 Acts, ch 1039, §14](#); [99 Acts, ch 192, §29](#); [2002 Acts, ch 1142, §2, 31](#)

Referred to in [§16.1, §237.4, §237.13, §282.19, §423.3](#)