

**256I.1 Definitions.**

For the purposes of [this chapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Department*” means the department of management.
2. “*Desired results*” means the set of desired results for improving the quality of life in this state for young children and their families identified in [section 256I.2](#).
3. “*Early care*”, “*early care services*”, or “*early care system*” means the programs, services, support, or other assistance made available to a parent or other person who is involved with addressing the health and education needs of a child from zero through age five. “*Early care*”, “*early care services*”, or “*early care system*” includes but is not limited to public and private efforts and formal and informal settings.
4. “*Early childhood Iowa area*” means a geographic area designated in accordance with [this chapter](#).
5. “*Early childhood Iowa area board*” or “*area board*” means the board for an early childhood Iowa area created in accordance with [this chapter](#).
6. “*Early childhood Iowa state board*” or “*state board*” means the early childhood Iowa state board created in [section 256I.3](#).  
[2010 Acts, ch 1031, §278](#)