

**281—64.20(256A,279) Definitions.**

*“Applicant”* means a public school district, an area education agency or an agency which applies for the funds to provide quality educational support programs to parents of children aged birth through five years who are at risk, with an emphasis on parents of children aged birth through three years.

*“Children who are at risk”* means children aged birth through five years who are at risk because of physical or environmental influence.

*“Educational support services”* means individual or group opportunities providing information to parents that focus on parenting skills, child growth and development, building of self-concept, nutrition, positive guidance techniques, family resource management, parent literacy, and how to access the array of supportive services from a network of agencies that are available to families with young children who are at risk.

*“Quality educational support services”* means educational support services that have a qualified or trained staff to provide a program which meets the needs of parents through the use of a validated curriculum or which is based on a model project which has proven successful in another state or location.

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