

**441—202.1(234) Definitions.**

“*Case permanency plan*” shall mean the plan identifying goals, needs, strengths, problems, services, time frames for meeting goals and for delivery of the services to the child and parents, objectives, desired outcomes, and responsibilities of all parties involved and reviewing progress.

“*Child*” shall mean the same as defined by Iowa Code section 234.1.

“*Department*” shall mean the Iowa department of human services and includes the local offices of the department.

“*Eligible child*” shall mean a child for whom the court has given guardianship to the department or has transferred legal custody to the department or for whom the department has agreed to provide foster care services on the basis of a signed placement agreement or who has been placed in emergency care for a period of not more than 30 days upon the approval of the director or the director’s designee.

“*Facility*” means the personnel, program, plant and equipment of a person or agency providing child foster care.

“*Foster care*” shall mean substitute care furnished on a 24-hour a day basis to an eligible child, in a licensed foster care facility or approved shelter care facility, by a person or agency other than the child’s parent or guardian, but does not include care provided in a family home through an informal arrangement for a period of less than 30 days. Child foster care shall include but is not limited to the provision of food, lodging, training, education, supervision, and health care.

“*Natural parent*” shall mean a parent by blood, marriage, or adoption.

“*Person*” or “*agency*” shall mean individuals, institutions, partnerships, voluntary associations, and corporations, other than institutions under the management or control of the department, who are licensed by the department as a foster family home, child caring agency or child placing agency, or approved as a shelter care facility.

“*Safety-related information*” means information that indicates whether the child has behaved in a manner that threatened the safety of another person, has committed a violent act causing bodily injury to another person, or has been a victim or perpetrator of sexual abuse.

“*Service area manager*” shall mean the department employee responsible for managing department offices and personnel within the service area and for implementing policies and procedures of the department.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 234.6(6)“b.”