

441—121.1(256I) Definitions. For the purpose of these rules, the following definitions apply:

“*Community partners*” means individuals, early childhood service providers, and staff of other programs or agencies who communicate, coordinate and collaborate with an area board.

“*Designation*” means the status awarded by the state board to an early childhood Iowa area meeting the criteria established by the state board.

“*Early childhood Iowa area*” or “*area*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 256I.1.

“*Early childhood Iowa area board*” or “*area board*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 256I.1.

“*Early childhood Iowa fund*” means a fund created in the state treasury from which moneys are distributed to early childhood Iowa areas for the purpose of supporting children and their families.

“*Early childhood Iowa office*” means a state unit within the department to coordinate the early childhood Iowa initiative.

“*Early childhood Iowa state board*” or “*state board*” means the state of Iowa’s early childhood Iowa board as appointed by the governor that meets the membership criteria of citizens and state agency directors as voting members and legislators as nonvoting members.

“*Evidence-based*” means that a program has completed a randomized control trial conducted by an independent researcher and has demonstrated positive results for children and families. “Evidence-based” may also include research conducted by the program that has been published in a peer-reviewed journal that also demonstrates positive results for children and families. To be evidence-based, the program must include stringent standards for program replication including standards for implementation and monitoring to ensure that the program is being operated with fidelity to the original model.

“*Indicator*” means a measure that indirectly quantifies the achievement of a result.

“*Result*” means the effect desired for Iowans.

“*State agency*” means a department of the executive branch including but not limited to the departments of economic development, education, health and human services, and workforce development.

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