

441—38.2(217,42USC144) Definitions.

“*DD Act*” means the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000, 42 U.S.C. Chapter 144 as amended to August 1, 2026. All references to the DD Act herein are as amended to August 1, 2026.

“*Developmental disability*” means a severe, chronic disability of a person that is attributed to a mental or physical impairment or a combination of mental and physical impairments; is manifested before the person attains the age of 22; is likely to continue indefinitely; substantially limits the person’s ability to carry out major life activities in at least three of the areas of self-care, receptive and expressive language, learning, mobility, self-direction, and capacity for independent living and economic self-sufficiency; and reflects an ongoing need for individualized, coordinated services. The term, when applied to infants and children from birth to the age of nine, means a substantial developmental delay or specific congenital or acquired conditions with a high probability of resulting in developmental disabilities if services are not provided.

“*Iowa DD council*” means the Iowa developmental disabilities council.

“*Projects*” means activities described in the Iowa DD council’s five-year plan that are designed to address the purpose and priorities established by the DD Act to undertake advocacy, capacity-building, and systemic-change activities that contribute to a coordinated, person- and family-centered, and individual- and family-directed comprehensive system of community services, individualized supports, and other forms of assistance that promote self-determination for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

“*State plan*” means the document required under the DD Act that describes goals, objectives and funding priorities.

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