

**489—1.1(237) Definitions.** The following definitions apply to the rules of the child advocacy board:

*“Approved”* means that the applicant has met the requirements to become a court appointed special advocate.

*“CASA volunteer”* or *“CASA”* or *“advocate”* means a person who is duly trained and approved by the department of health and human services for participation in the court appointed special advocate program and appointed by the court to represent the interest of a child in any judicial proceeding to which the child is a party or is called as a witness or relating to any dispositional order involving the child resulting from the proceeding. Unless otherwise directed by a court, the duties of a court appointed special advocate with respect to a child are pursuant to Iowa Code section 237.24.

*“Case permanency plan”* means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 232.2(6).

*“Coach”* or *“CASA coach”* means a duly approved court appointed special advocate volunteer who has received additional training to assist the coordinator by overseeing facets of the court appointed special advocate’s case work.

*“Court appointed special advocate”* means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 232.2(12).

*“Family”* means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 237.15(4).

*“Fictive kin”* means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 232.2(24).

*“Person or court responsible for the child”* means the department, including but not limited to the department, agency, or individual who is the guardian of a child by court order issued by the juvenile or district court and has the responsibility of the care of the child, or the court having jurisdiction over the child.

*“State board”* means the child advocacy board created pursuant to Iowa Code section 237.16.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 17A.3, 237.15, and 237.16.

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