

**441—203.1(232) Definitions.**

“*Certified adoption investigator*” means a person as defined in Iowa Code chapter 600 and certified by the department under 441—Chapter 107.

“*Child-placing agency*” means an agency as defined in Iowa Code chapter 238 and licensed under 441—Chapter 108.

“*Children with special needs*” means children as defined in 441—subrule 201.3(1).

“*Department*” means the Iowa department of human services.

“*Exchange*” means the Iowa adoption exchange system.

“*Iowa adoption exchange system*” is a computerized system established to facilitate the adoptive placement of children by matching children legally available for adoption and approved families desiring to adopt a child with special needs or a sibling group and referring the families to the child’s adoption worker.

“*Prospective adoptive family*” means a family residing in Iowa approved to provide an adoptive home for a child.

“*Recruitment, retention, training and support (RRTS) contract*” means the state’s contractor(s) responsible for activities related to licensing foster families and approving adoptive families, providing support services to foster and preadoptive families, conducting preservice and in-service training, and providing assistance in matching children in need of foster home care.

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