

**281—67.2(279) Definitions.**

*“Applicant”* means a public school district, area education agency or an agency which applies for the funds to provide quality educational support programs to parents of at-risk children aged birth through three years.

*“At-risk children”* means children birth through age three who are at risk because of physical or environmental influence.

*“Council”* means the child development coordinating council.

*“Department”* means the department of education.

*“Early intervention interagency council”* means the community early intervention interagency councils for handicapped infants and toddlers and their families formed to assist with the implementation of P.L. 99-457, Part H, which amends P.L. 94-142, Education of the Handicapped Act.

*“Educational support services”* means individual or group opportunities providing information to parents which focuses on: parenting skills, child growth and development, building of self-concept, nutrition, positive guidance techniques, family resource management, parent literacy, and how to access the array of supportive services from a network of agencies that are available to families with young children who are at risk.

*“Grantee”* means the applicant designated to receive the grants for educational support services to parents of at-risk children aged birth through three years.

*“Parent”* means biological, adoptive, surrogate, foster parent, or guardian.

*“Quality educational support services”* means educational support services that have a qualified or trained staff to provide a program which meets the needs of parents through the use of a validated curriculum or which is based on a model project which has proven successful in another state or location.