

441—172.1(234) Definitions.

“Case” means at least one child in a household is involved in department services with a department social work case manager.

“Child” or *“children”* means a person or persons who meet the definition of a child in Iowa Code section 232.68(1).

“Child abuse” means one or more of the categories of child abuse defined in Iowa Code section 232.68(2).

“Child abuse assessment” means an assessment process by which the department responds to all accepted reports that allege child abuse as defined in Iowa Code section 232.68(2), or that allege child abuse as defined in Iowa Code section 232.68(2) that also allege imminent danger, death, or injury to a child. A child abuse assessment results in a disposition and a determination of whether a case meets the definition of child abuse and a determination of whether criteria for placement on the registry are met.

“Child in need of assistance” means the same as set forth in Iowa Code section 232.2(8).

“Contractor” means a private organization authorized to do business in Iowa that has entered into a contract with the department to provide one or more of the services defined in Iowa Code section 232.102A(2)“b.”

“Family-centered services” means the services provided by contract pursuant to Iowa Code section 232.102A(2)“b.”

“Family risk assessment” means the assessment of probability or likelihood a child will suffer maltreatment in the future.

“Household” means the place where a child resides.

“Kinship foster caregiver” means the same as set forth in 441—Chapter 125.

“Permanency” means a child has a safe, stable, custodial environment in which to grow up and a lifelong relationship with a nurturing caregiver.

“Protective capacities” means the family strengths or resources that reduce, control, or prevent risks from arising or from having an unsafe impact on a child.

“Risk” means the probability or likelihood that a child will experience maltreatment.

“Safe” or *“safety”* means that no signs of present or impending danger to a child are identified or that one or more signs of present or impending danger are identified but the child’s degree of vulnerability or the caregiver’s protective capacities offset the current threat. The child is not likely to be in imminent danger of maltreatment.

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