

441—110.1(237A) Definitions.

“Adult” means a person 18 years of age or older.

“Assistant” means a responsible person 14 years of age or older employed by the child care provider. The assistant may never be left alone with children. Ultimate responsibility for supervision is with the child care provider.

“Category,” when referring to category A, B, or C, means one of the three categories of standards for child development homes established by Iowa Code section 237A.3A(3) *“a.”*

“Child” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 237A.1.

“Child care” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 237A.1.

“Child care assistance provider agreement” means the approved form to receive payment under the child care assistance program.

“Child care facility” or *“facility”* means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 237A.1.

“Child care home” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 237A.1.

“Child development home” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 237A.1.

“Child support services” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 252J.1(2).

“Coaching” means a relationship-based process led by an expert to build capacity for specific professional dispositions, skills, and behaviors and is focused on performance-based outcomes.

“Education” means formal coursework offered through a state-approved accredited secondary school, college, or university.

“Infant” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 237A.1.

“Involvement with child care” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 237A.1.

“Nonregistered child care home” means a child care home that has an approved payment application and a current child care assistance provider agreement with the department. Nonregistered child care homes are required to meet minimum health and safety standards under the child care and development block grant under 45 CFR 98.41 as amended to August 1, 2026.

“Parent” means parent or legal guardian.

“Person subject to an evaluation” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 237A.5.

“Professional development” means a continuum of learning activities designed to prepare and support individuals for work with children and families, including coaching, education, and training.

“Provider” means the person or program that applies for registration to provide child care and is approved as a child development home or a nonregistered child care home.

“Registration” means the process by which child care providers certify that they comply with rules adopted by the department.

“Registration certificate” means the written document issued by the department to publicly state that the provider has certified in writing compliance with the minimum requirements for registration of a child development home.

“Relative” means grandparents, great-grandparents, aunts, uncles, and siblings living in a separate residence.

“School” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 237A.1.

“Training” means a learning experience that addresses a specific topic of professional relevance that builds or enhances knowledge.

“Transgression” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 237A.1.

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