

**441—184.21(225C) Definitions.**

*“Comprehensive family support”* means the array of services and supports that assist families who are caring for a family member with a disability. Services and supports include, but are not limited to, programs, services, parent-to-parent support, assistive devices, and various adaptations that allow children with disabilities to participate more fully in family and community life.

*“Family”* means a group of interdependent persons living in the same household. A family may consist of an individual with a disability and any of the following:

1. The individual’s parent.
2. The individual’s sibling.
3. The individual’s grandparent, aunt, or uncle.
4. The individual’s legal custodian.
5. A person who is providing short-term foster care to the individual subject to a case permanency plan that provides for reunification between the individual and the individual’s parent.

*“Family”* does not include a person who is employed to provide services to an individual with a disability in an out-of-home setting, including but not limited to a hospital, nursing facility, personal care home, board and care home, group foster care home, or other institutional setting.

*“Individual with a disability”* means a person who is less than 22 years of age and meets the definition of developmental disability in 42 U.S.C. § 6001.

*“Services and support”* means services or other assistance intended to enable an individual with a disability to control the individual’s environment, to remain living with the individual’s family, to function more independently, and to integrate into the individual’s community. Services and support may include, but are not limited to, funding for:

1. Purchase of equipment, respite care, supplies, or assistive technology; and
2. Payment of other costs attributable to the individual’s disability that are identified by the individual’s family.