

**441—108.1 (238) Definitions.**

*“Administrator”* means the person who is designated to have day-to-day responsibility for the administration of a child-placing agency, and who ensures that the mission of the agency and laws relating to the welfare and protection of children are carried out.

*“Adoption work experience”* means supervised employment in adoption services, which includes direct provision of adoption services, development of adoption policies, provision of training related to adoption services, oversight and review of adoption documents and activities, and direct supervision of adoption workers. Only the percent of time related to provision of adoption services shall be considered as adoption work experience when job duties involve activities other than adoption services.

*“Adoptive applicant”* means the person who has requested approval for placement of a child for adoption from a licensed child-placing agency.

*“Adoptive family”* means an approved person or persons who have a child placed in their home for the purpose of adoption and are being supervised by the agency or who have a child in their home who has been legally adopted and is entitled to the same benefits as a child born to the parents.

*“Approved living arrangement”* means that the living situation shall be located so as to provide reasonably convenient access to schools, places of employment, or services required by the youth, comply with applicable state and local zoning, fire, and sanitary regulations, and be reasonably priced so as to fit within the youth’s budget.

*“Caseworker”* means the person who works directly with children, their families, and other relevant individuals and who has primary responsibility for the development, implementation, and review of the agency’s service plans for the child and parents; or who completes foster care or adoptive family home studies or supervises foster family or adoptive placements; or who supervises children placed in approved supervised apartment living arrangements.

*“Child”* shall mean the same as defined by Iowa Code section 234.1.

*“Child-placing agency”* means an agency organized within the state of Iowa for the purpose of receiving minor children for placement, supervision, or both in private family homes for foster care; or for adoption; or the placement, supervision, or both of children who are 16 years of age and older living in approved supervised apartment living placements.

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

*“Parent”* means custodial and noncustodial parent.

*“Safety-related information”* means information that indicates whether the child has behaved in a manner that threatened the safety of another person, has committed a violent act causing bodily injury to another person, or has been a victim or perpetrator of sexual abuse.

*“Sibling”* means two or more persons having at least one common parent.

*“Supervised apartment living placement”* means the placement of a child who is at least 16 years of age in an approved living arrangement which provides an environment in which the child can experience living in the community with minimum supervision.

*“Volunteer”* means any nonpaid person who donates time to an agency, either in working with an individual or groups of clients. A volunteer may also be a student intern.

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