

441—157.1(600) Definitions.

“Adoptive home study” includes an assessment of the family’s parental attributes and a written report stating approval or nonapproval of the family for adoptive placement of a child or children.

“Contract” refers to a purchase of service contract or agreement between a provider and the department.

“Department” means the department of human services.

“Placement services” includes the activities and travel necessary to place the child in the adoptive family.

“Postplacement services” includes the supervision, support and intervention necessary to assist the adoptive placement.

“Preparation of child” includes activities necessary to ready the child for placement into an adoptive family.

“Preparation of family” includes activities necessary to assist the family in adding a child as a new member of their family.

“Preplacement visits” means contacts, activities, and visits between the child and adoptive family prior to permanent adoptive placement.

“Provider” means a child-placing agency licensed in Iowa or another state or a certified adoption investigator which has a purchase of service contract with the department.

“Recruitment” includes activities designed to identify individuals or families who may be prospective adoptive families for a special needs child or children.

“Screening” includes an initial contact and interview with an individual or family to determine if the individual or family wishes to adopt a special needs child or children and whether or not to proceed with a preplacement assessment and adoptive home study.