

**641—94.2(135) Definitions.** For the purposes of these rules, the following definitions shall apply:

“*Child abuse*” means abuse as defined by Iowa Code section 232.68(2).

“*Child protection center*” or “*child advocacy center*” means a comprehensive, child-focused program, designed by communities to meet their needs, based in a facility that allows law enforcement, child protection professionals, prosecutors, and the mental health and medical communities to work together to handle child abuse cases. Child advocacy center is synonymous with child protection center.

“*Child protection worker*” means a worker as defined by Iowa Code section 232.68(2A).

“*Culturally competent*” means the capacity to function in more than one culture, requiring the ability to appreciate, understand and interact with members of diverse populations within the community.

“*Department*” means the Iowa department of public health.

“*Developmentally appropriate*” means that services are based on human development and learning, individual characteristics and experiences, social and cultural contexts.

“*Director*” means the director of the Iowa department of public health.

“*Family advocate*” means an individual who supports a child provided service through a child protection center and ensures access to formal or informal community services as needed by the child or the child’s family.

“*Forensic interview*” means a face-to-face meeting between individuals to elicit information and that follows a process suitable for a law court or public debate.

“*Multidisciplinary team*” means individuals with many education levels that encompass the individuals’ beliefs and training in fields of health, education, human service, justice, faith, and others.