

441—61.1(217) Definitions.

“*Bureau*” means the bureau of refugee services within the department.

“*Bureau chief*” shall mean the chief of the bureau of refugee services.

“*Cash assistance*” means financial assistance to refugees, including Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), supplemental security income (SSI), refugee cash assistance and general assistance as defined in 42 CFR 400.2 as amended to June 7, 2022.

“*Client*” means refugees or others determined eligible for services funded under the refugee program.

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

“*Director*” means the director of the department of human services or a designee.

“*Family self-sufficiency plan*” means a plan that addresses the employment-related service needs of the employable members in a family for the purpose of enabling the family to become self-supporting through the employment of one or more family members. A family self-sufficiency plan shall be developed for anyone who receives employment-related services from the bureau.

“*Individual employability plan*” means a written plan outlining an individual’s vocational goal and the services to be provided to reach the goal.

“*Iowa state refugee program coordinator*” means the director, serving as the refugee program administrator, as appointed by the governor to administer programs funded and required by the Office of Refugee Resettlement within the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

“*Iowa state refugee program plan*” means the report that describes the state of Iowa’s refugee program plan to meet the standards, goals, and priorities required under the Immigration and Nationality Act and developed by the bureau on the basis of a consultative process for the successful resettlement of refugees. The bureau chief must certify no later than 30 days after the beginning of each federal fiscal year that the approved plan is current and continues in effect. If the bureau wishes to change its plan, the bureau must submit a proposed amendment to the plan to be reviewed and approved or disapproved by the office of refugee resettlement.

“*Office of refugee resettlement*” means a federal agency within the United States Department of Health and Human Services with the legislative authority to be responsible for ensuring the coordination of federal resources in refugee resettlement.

“*Refugee*” means any person who:

1. Is outside any country of the person’s nationality or, in the case of a person having no nationality, is outside any country in which the person last habitually resided; and
2. Is unable or unwilling to return to that country and unable or unwilling to avail himself or herself of the protection of that country because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion, as defined under the Immigration and Nationality Act, Title I, Section 101.

In special circumstances, the President of the United States may specify any person who is within the country of such person’s nationality or, in the case of a person having no nationality, within the country in which such person is habitually residing, and who is persecuted or who has a well-founded fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group or political opinion as a refugee.

The term “refugee” does not include any person who ordered, incited, assisted or otherwise participated in the persecution of any person on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group or political opinion.

“*Refugee unit*” means either an individual refugee or two or more refugees representing an identifiable group, as determined by the bureau of refugee services.

“*Resettlement agency*” means any business, organization or group of related persons having a current contract with the United States Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration for the resettlement of refugees within the United States of America.

“*Unaccompanied refugee minor (URM)*” means a person who has not yet attained 18 years of age who entered the United States unaccompanied by and not destined to (1) a parent, or (2) a close

non-parental adult relative who is willing and able to care for the child, or (3) an adult with a clear and court-verifiable claim to custody of the minor, and who has no parents in the United States.
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