

**Sec. 17a-17-1. Definitions**

The terms used in these regulations shall, in its interpretation, be defined as follows unless the context clearly and specifically provides otherwise:

(a) “Commissioner”: Means the Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families, hereinafter the department, or his designated representative.

(b) “State Department of Education”: Means the Commissioner of the State Department of Education, hereinafter SDE, or his designated representative.

(c) “Child”: Means a person who receives services at a treatment center and is under the supervision of the Commissioner.

(d) “Other Minors”: Means persons who receive services at an Approved Private Special Education Program (APSEP) of a treatment center and are not under the supervision of the Commissioner.

(e) “Local Educational Agency” (LEA): Means the board of education for the city, town or region responsible under Connecticut General Statutes 10-76b et. seq. for the education of a child or other minor residing in a treatment center.

(f) “Individualized Educational Program” (IEP): Means a separate written plan for a child or other minor which shall be developed by a planning and placement team to meet the needs of each child or other minor requiring special education, and educational related services.

(g) “Educational services”: Means classes, programs, activities or other services designed to provide an appropriate education to a student determined to be in need of special education or to a student not determined to be in need of special education. In the case of a student determined to be in need of special education, educational services and educational related services shall be provided in accordance with the Individualized Education Program (IEP) developed for the student by the Planning and Placement Team (PPT) of the student’s LEA.

(h) “Educational Related Services”: Means services to a child recommended by the planning and placement team which may include the following services: psychological, health, language, speech and hearing, guidance, social work, transportation, physical and occupational therapy, translation, parent counseling and training in understanding the educational needs of the child, and any medical services required for diagnostic or evaluation purposes.

(i) “Treatment Center”: Means a private residential treatment center licensed by the Commissioner pursuant to Connecticut General Statute 17a-145, offering residential care service and may include an approved private special education program and other programs.

(j) “Approved Private Special Education Program” (APSEP): Means, for the purpose of these regulations, that component of a treatment center which delivers special education. Such school programs must be approved and supervised by the SDE Commissioner pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 10-76a et. seq.

(k) “Other Programs”: Means one or more programs established to provide a specific service to children, other minors and other persons which the treatment center offers in addition to the residential services and/or APSEP.

(l) “Residential Care Services”: Means the room and board and treatment services which a treatment center provides for a child, including but not limited to psychological, health,

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psychotherapeutic, language, speech, hearing, guidance, social work, therapy, translation, transportation, parent counseling and training, unless such services have been recommended by a Planning and Placement Team (PPT) as educational related services.

(m) “Service Agreement”: Means a written agreement between the Commissioner, after consulting with the State Department of Education, and a treatment center for the purchase of room and board and, to the extent required by an IEP, education services for a child.

(n) “Contract Year”: Means the one year period of service agreements of July 1st through June 30th unless the Commissioner provides for a different schedule.

(o) “Related Party”: Means persons or organizations related through marriage, ability to control, ownership, family or business association, with the treatment center.

(p) “Accrual Basis of Accounting”: Means a method used in accounting which reports all revenue when the treatment center obtains an unqualified right to receive them. All expenses, purchases and other bills are recorded on the book of account when the treatment center incurs a clear obligation to pay them.

(q) “Audited Single Cost Accounting Report” (ASCAR): Means the annual cost and performance reporting document, which consists of forms provided by the Commissioner and submitted by all treatment centers.

(r) “Residential Day of Care”: Means a day in which services are provided for the residential care of a child or other minor by the treatment center.

(s) “Educational Day”: Means a day in which educational services are provided for an enrolled child or other minor by the APSEP.

(t) “Personal Services”: Means salaries and wages; social security taxes; and unemployment compensation.

(u) “Other Expenses”: Means professional fees; consultant/contract services; food and food supplies; office supplies/postage; housekeeping supplies; educational and vocational supplies; miscellaneous supplies; advertising (employment); laundry and dry cleaning; clothing replacement; personal needs/allowance; travel; vehicle expense; conferences, conventions and meetings; maintenance and repairs; dues and fees; books/periodicals; interest; use tax; and other.

(v) “Fixed Expenses”: Means workers’ compensation; dental insurance; hospital insurance; retirement; other fringes; rent; heat, light and water; depreciation; telephone and telegraph; and insurance.

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