

## TO BE RESCINDED

3701-8-01           **Definitions.**

As used in this chapter:

(A) "Department" means the department of health.

(B) "Direct services" means:

- (1) Family support services and community-based services that promote the well-being of children and families and increase the strength, stability, confidence and learning environment of families through social services, health, and education services, in-home visits (including public health nurse visits), and parent support groups. Direct services includes programs designed to improve parenting skills including skills in child development, family budgeting, coping with stress, health, and nutrition;
- (2) Respite care of children to assist parents and other care givers;
- (3) Structured activities to strengthen parent-child interaction;
- (4) Drop-in centers for informal interaction between families of eligible children and individuals working with Ohio early start;
- (5) Resource information and referral services;
- (6) Early developmental screening of children;
- (7) Developmental services for children to foster growth and development;
- (8) Counseling services for eligible children and their families;
- (9) Transportation to and/or from a service;
- (10) Services for families in which a parent abuses alcohol or drugs;
- (11) Health-related services such as public health nursing services and health education;
- (12) Service coordination; and

- (13) Any other similar service approved by the director.
- (C) "Director" means the director of health or his or her authorized designee.
- (D) "Individualized family service plan" means a written plan for providing direct services to a child eligible for Ohio early start and his or her family (including parents, grandparents, extended family, and other important adults in the child's life). An individualized family service plan begins with assignment of a service coordinator, making contact with the family, and includes the process of assessing the family's concerns, priorities, and resources.
- (E) "Parent" means a parent, guardian, or person acting as a parent of the child.
- (F) "Risk factor" means an activity, fact, illness or event that places a child in serious danger of future developmental delays as a result of the following:
- (1) The child has or has experienced atypical child development such that a parent or provider has expressed serious concern, or child abuse or neglect;
  - (2) The child's family has or has experienced an acute family crisis, atypical or recurring accidents involving the child, chronically disturbed family interaction, certain demographic characteristics such as either parent has less than a high school education or neither parent is currently employed, a single-parent household, inadequate health care or no health insurance, a family income up to one hundred and eighty-five percent of federal poverty guidelines, genetic disorders, a lack of a stable residence, homelessness or dangerous living conditions, domestic violence, a single-parent household with four or more preschool age children;
  - (3) The child's parent has or has experienced a history of child abuse, parent and child separation, physical or social isolation or lack of adequate social support, inadequate parenting skills or an inability to interact with the child, or the child's mother is under twenty years of age;
  - (4) Biological factors as follows:
    - (a) The child has or has experienced atypical infant behavioral characteristics, asphyxia, chronic otitis media, a very low birth weight, or is small for gestational age; or
    - (b) The child's parent has or has experienced chronic or acute mental illness,

mental retardation or other developmental disability, a drug or alcohol dependence, severe chronic illness, severe perinatal or prenatal complications, limited prenatal care such as four or fewer visits prior to the thirty-fourth week of pregnancy or prenatal care that was not initiated until the third trimester of pregnancy, or maternal prenatal substance abuse.

- (G) "Service coordinator" means a person assigned to assist and enable an eligible child to receive direct services in accordance with an individualized family service plan. A service coordinator's duties include, integrating all direct services with those program services already provided by other public or private sources, serving as the single point of contact in helping parents to obtain necessary services and assistance, and facilitating a transition plan upon termination of Ohio early start services to a child and family. Service coordinators shall adhere to service coordination policies issued by the department of health.
- (H) "Significant developmental risk" means the child or his or her parents possess at least four risk factors one of which shall be either a risk factor set forth in paragraph (F)(4) of this rule or the child's mother is under twenty years of age.

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