



Ohio Revised Code

Section 5180.45

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As used in sections 5180.45 to 5180.454 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Adopted child" means a person who is less than eighteen years of age when the person becomes subject to a final order of adoption, an interlocutory order of adoption, or when the adoption is recognized by this state under section 3107.18 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Adoption" includes an adoption arranged by an attorney, a public children services agency, private child placing agency, or a private noncustodial agency, an interstate adoption, or an international or foreign adoption.

(C) "Adoptive parent" means the person or persons who obtain parental rights and responsibilities over an adopted child pursuant to a final order of adoption, an interlocutory order of adoption, or an adoption recognized by this state under section 3107.18 of the Revised Code.

(D) "Casework services" means services performed or arranged by a public children services agency, private child placing agency, private noncustodial agency, or public entity with whom the department of children and youth has a Title IV-E subgrant agreement in effect, to manage the progress, provide supervision and protection of the child and the child's parent, guardian, or custodian.

(E) "Foster caregiver" has the same meaning as in section 5103.02 of the Revised Code.

(F) "Qualified professional" means an individual that is, but not limited to, any one of the following:

(1) Audiologist;

(2) Orthopedist;



- (3) Physician;
 - (4) Certified nurse practitioner;
 - (5) Physician assistant;
 - (6) Psychiatrist;
 - (7) Psychologist;
 - (8) School psychologist;
 - (9) Licensed marriage and family therapist;
 - (10) Speech and language pathologist;
 - (11) Licensed independent social worker;
 - (12) Licensed professional clinical counselor;
 - (13) Licensed social worker who is under the direct supervision of a licensed independent social worker;
 - (14) Licensed professional counselor who is under the direct supervision of a licensed professional clinical counselor.
- (G) "Special needs" means any of the following:
- (1) A developmental disability as defined in section 5123.01 of the Revised Code;
 - (2) A physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities;
 - (3) Any physiological disorder or condition, cosmetic disfigurement, or anatomical loss affecting one



or more body systems;

(4) Any mental or psychological disorder;

(5) A medical condition causing distress, pain, dysfunction, or social problems as diagnosed by a qualified professional that results in ongoing medical treatment.