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**35A-1-102 Definitions.**

Unless otherwise specified, as used in this title:

- (1) "Client" means an individual who the department has determined to be eligible for services or benefits under:
  - (a) Chapter 3, Employment Support Act; and
  - (b) Chapter 5, Training and Workforce Improvement Act.
- (2) "Department" means the Department of Workforce Services created in Section 35A-1-103.
- (3) "Economic service area" means an economic service area established in accordance with Chapter 2, Economic Service Areas.
- (4) "Employment assistance" means services or benefits provided by the department under:
  - (a) Chapter 3, Employment Support Act; and
  - (b) Chapter 5, Training and Workforce Improvement Act.
- (5) "Employment center" is a location in an economic service area where the services provided by an economic service area under Section 35A-2-201 may be accessed by a client.
- (6) "Employment counselor" means an individual responsible for developing an employment plan and coordinating the services and benefits under this title in accordance with Chapter 2, Economic Service Areas.
- (7) "Employment plan" means a written agreement between the department and a client that describes:
  - (a) the relationship between the department and the client;
  - (b) the obligations of the department and the client; and
  - (c) the result if an obligation is not fulfilled by the department or the client.
- (8) "Executive director" means the executive director of the department appointed under Section 35A-1-201.
- (9) "Government entity" means the state or any county, municipality, local district, special service district, or other political subdivision or administrative unit of the state, a state institution of higher education as defined in Section 53B-2-101, or a local education agency as defined in Section 53A-30-102.
- (10) "Public assistance" means:
  - (a) services or benefits provided under Chapter 3, Employment Support Act;
  - (b) medical assistance provided under Title 26, Chapter 18, Medical Assistance Act;
  - (c) foster care maintenance payments provided from the General Fund or under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act;
  - (d) SNAP benefits; and
  - (e) any other public funds expended for the benefit of a person in need of financial, medical, food, housing, or related assistance.
- (11) "SNAP" means the federal "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program" under Title 7, U.S.C. Chapter 51, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as the federal Food Stamp Program.
- (12) "SNAP benefit" or "SNAP benefits" means a financial benefit, coupon, or privilege available under SNAP.
- (13) "Stabilization" means addressing the basic living, family care, and social or psychological needs of the client so that the client may take advantage of training or employment opportunities provided under this title or through other agencies or institutions.