

APPROVED BY THE MENTAL HYGIENE ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE HABILITATION, REHABILITATION, RESIDENTIAL, OR RELATED COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES OR MENTAL DISORDERS.

(C) "DIRECT SERVICE EMPLOYEE" MEANS AN EMPLOYEE OF A COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAM WHO PRIMARILY PROVIDES:

(1) DIRECT SUPPORT OR CARE TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES; OR

(2) FIRST-LINE SUPERVISION OF EMPLOYEES PROVIDING DIRECT SUPPORT OR CARE TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.

(D) "DEGREE PROGRAM IN HUMAN SERVICES" MEANS AN ACADEMIC MAJOR OR CONCENTRATION IN AGING SERVICES, COUNSELING, DISABILITY SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH, NURSING, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, PHYSICAL THERAPY, PSYCHOLOGY, REHABILITATION, SOCIAL WORK, SPECIAL EDUCATION, SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT, VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION, OR ANY OTHER CONCENTRATION IN THE HEALING ARTS OR TO PROVIDING SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.

(E) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND MENTAL HEALTH WORKFORCE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

18-2102.

(A) THERE IS A TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM UNDER THIS SUBTITLE FOR USE BY STUDENTS AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE WHO:

(1) WORK AS DIRECT SERVICE EMPLOYEES IN A COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAM; OR

(2) AGREE TO WORK AS DIRECT SERVICE EMPLOYEES IN A COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAM IN THE FUTURE.

(B) THE COMMISSION MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS:

(1) NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(2) TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR SELECTING AWARD RECIPIENTS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

18-2103.

AN AWARD GRANTED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MAY BE USED FOR:

(1) TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES;

(2) ROOM AND BOARD; AND

(3) BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

18-2104.

(A) A STUDENT MAY RECEIVE TUITION ASSISTANCE UP TO \$100 PER CREDIT HOUR.