

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Education

18-2101.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Community-based program" means:

(1) Any community program licensed by the Developmental Disabilities Administration or approved by the Mental Hygiene Administration to provide habilitation, rehabilitation, residential, or related community support services to individuals with developmental disabilities or mental disorders; [or]

(2) Any residential child care program licensed by the Department of Human Resources; ~~for~~ the Department of Juvenile Services; ~~OR A LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; OR~~

(3) ANY PROGRAM CERTIFIED BY THE OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE QUALITY TO PROVIDE ALCOHOL AND DRUG TREATMENT SERVICES.

(c) "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.

(d) "Direct service employee" means:

(1) An employee of a community-based program who primarily provides:

(i) Direct support or care to individuals with disabilities; or

(ii) First-line supervision of employees providing direct support or care to individuals with disabilities; [or]

(2) (i) An employee of a community-based program who provides direct care and supervision of children who are in the custody of a local department of social services or the Department of Juvenile Services; or

(ii) A first-line supervisor of employees who provide direct care and supervision of children who are in the custody of a local department of social services or the Department of Juvenile Services; OR

(3) AN EMPLOYEE OF A COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAM WHO PRIMARILY PROVIDES: