

"COHABITANT" MEANS A PERSON WHO HAS HAD A SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE RESPONDENT AND RESIDED WITH THE RESPONDENT IN THE HOME FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST 90 DAYS WITHIN 1 YEAR BEFORE THE FILING OF THE PETITION.

(E) COURT.

"COURT" MEANS THE DISTRICT COURT OR A CIRCUIT COURT IN THIS STATE.

(F) EMERGENCY FAMILY MAINTENANCE.

"EMERGENCY FAMILY MAINTENANCE" MEANS A MONETARY AWARD GIVEN TO OR FOR A PERSON ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF TO WHOM THE RESPONDENT HAS A DUTY OF SUPPORT UNDER THIS ARTICLE BASED ON:

- (1) THE FINANCIAL NEEDS OF THE PERSON ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF; AND
- (2) THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE PERSON ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF AND THE RESPONDENT.

(G) HOME.

"HOME" MEANS THE PROPERTY IN THIS STATE THAT:

- (1) IS THE PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE OF A PERSON ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF;
AND
- (2) IS OWNED, RENTED, OR LEASED BY THE PERSON ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF OR RESPONDENT OR, IN A PETITION ALLEGING CHILD ABUSE OR ABUSE OF A VULNERABLE ADULT, AN ADULT LIVING IN THE HOME AT THE TIME OF A PROCEEDING UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(H) LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

"LOCAL DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES THAT HAS JURISDICTION IN THE COUNTY:

- (1) WHERE THE HOME IS LOCATED; OR
- (2) IF DIFFERENT, WHERE THE ABUSE IS ALLEGED TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE.

(I) PERSON ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF.

"PERSON ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF" INCLUDES:

- (1) THE CURRENT OR FORMER SPOUSE OF THE RESPONDENT;
- (2) A COHABITANT OF THE RESPONDENT;
- (3) A PERSON RELATED TO THE RESPONDENT BY BLOOD, MARRIAGE, OR ADOPTION;
- (4) A PARENT, STEPPARENT, CHILD, OR STEPCHILD OF THE RESPONDENT OR THE PERSON ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF WHO RESIDES OR RESIDED