- (2) WHEN THE INDIVIDUAL NEEDS OF THE CHILD CANNOT REASONABLY BE MET IN THE FAMILY HOME, THE MOST HOMELIKE SETTING FOR THE CHILD, WITH A PREFERENCE FOR RESIDENCE IN THE SAME COMMUNITY AS THE CHILD'S FAMILY SO THE CHILD MAY CONTINUE TO ATTEND THE SAME SCHOOL AND MAINTAIN MAXIMUM CONTACT WITH THE CHILD'S FAMILY AND COMMUNITY.
- {(p)}-(R) -"Local department" means the local department of social services for the county in which the court is located.
- {(q)}(S) (1) "Mental disorder" means a behavioral or emotional illness that results from a psychiatric or neurological disorder.
- (2) "Mental disorder" includes a mental illness that so substantially impairs the mental or emotional functioning of an individual as to make eare or treatment necessary or advisable for the welfare of the individual or for the safety of the person or property of another.
  - (3) "Mental disorder" does not include mental retardation.
- {(r)} (T) "Mental injury" means the observable, identifiable, and substantial impairment of a child's mental or psychological ability to function.
- [(c)] (U) "Neglect" means the leaving of a child unattended or other failure to give proper care and attention to a child by any parent or individual who has permanent or temporary care or custody or responsibility for supervision of the child under circumstances that indicate:
- (1) That the child's health or welfare is harmed or placed at substantial risk of harm; or
- (2) That the child has suffered mental injury or been placed at substantial risk of mental injury.
- {(t)} (V) "Parent" means a natural or adoptive parent whose parental rights have not been terminated.
  - {(u)}(W) (1) "Party" means:
    - (i) A child who is the subject of a petition:
    - (ii) The child's parent, guardian, or custodian;
    - (iii) The petitioner; or
    - (iv) An adult who is charged under § 3 828 of this subtitle.
    - (2) "Party" does not include a foster parent.
- {(v)}(X) (1) "Sexual abuse" means an act that involves sexual molestation or sexual exploitation of a child by:
- (i) A parent or other individual who has permanent or temporary care or custody or responsibility for supervision of the child; or