

(i) "Court" means the circuit court of a county or Baltimore City sitting as the juvenile court. In Montgomery County, it means the District Court sitting as the juvenile court.

(j) "Custodian" means a person or agency to whom legal custody of a child has been given by order of the court, other than the child's parent or legal guardian.

(k) "Delinquent act" means an act which would be a crime if committed by an adult.

(l) "Delinquent child" is a child who has committed a delinquent act and requires guidance, treatment, or rehabilitation.

(m) "Detention" means the temporary care of children who, pending court disposition, require secure custody for the protection of themselves or the community, in physically restricting facilities.

(n) "Disposition hearing" means a hearing to determine:

(1) Whether a child needs or requires the court's assistance, guidance, treatment or rehabilitation; and if so

(2) The nature of the assistance, guidance, treatment or rehabilitation.

(o) "Intake officer" means the person assigned to the court by the Department of Juvenile Services to provide the intake services set forth in this subtitle.

(P) "LOCAL DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE JURISDICTION IN WHICH THE COURT IS LOCATED.

[(p)] (Q) "Mentally handicapped child" means a child who is or may be mentally retarded or mentally ill.

[(q)] (R) "Party" includes a child who is the subject of a petition, the child's parent, guardian, or custodian, the petitioner and an adult who is charged under § 3-831 of this subtitle.

[(r)] (S) (1) "Shelter care" means the temporary care of children in physically unrestricting facilities.

(2) "Shelter care" does not mean care in a State mental health facility.

[(s)] (T) (1) "Victim" means a person who suffers direct or threatened physical, emotional, or financial harm as a result of a delinquent act.

(2) "Victim" includes a family member of a minor, incompetent, or a homicide victim.

(3) "Victim" includes, if the victim is not an individual, the victim's agent or designee.