

CHAPTER 256E

COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES

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Subdivision 1. **Definitions; commissioner duties.** (a) The following definitions apply to this section:

(1) "Targeted youth" means children who are ages 16 to 21 and who are in out-of-home placement, leaving out-of-home placement, at risk of becoming homeless, or homeless.

(2) "Safe house" means a facility providing emergency housing for homeless targeted youth with the goal of reuniting the family if appropriate and possible.

(3) "Transitional housing" means congregate or cooperative housing for targeted youth who are transitioning to independent living.

(4) "Independent living assistance" means services provided to assist targeted youth who are not living in a safe house or transitional housing to make the transition to independent living.

(b) The commissioner shall issue a request for proposals from organizations that are knowledgeable about the needs of targeted youth for the purpose of establishing a system of safe houses, transitional housing, and independent living assistance for such youth. The commissioner shall also assist in coordinating funding from federal and state grant programs and funding available from a variety of sources for efforts to promote a continuum of services for targeted youth through a consolidated grant application. The commissioner shall analyze the needs of targeted youth and gaps in services throughout the state and determine how to best serve those needs within the available funding.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.2000]

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