

**RULES
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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES**

**CHAPTER 290-2-27
RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN**

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Unless a different meaning is required by the context, the following terms as used in these Rules and Regulations shall have the meaning hereafter respectively ascribed to them:

- (a) "Special needs child" means a child who has been in the care of a public or private agency or individual other than the legal or biological parent for more than 24 consecutive months; a child who is a member of a sibling group of two or more placed in the same home; a child with a physical, mental or emotional disability, as validated by a licensed physician or psychologist.
- (b) "Child-placing agency" means any nonprofit institution, society, agency or facility, whether incorporated or not, which is licensed by the Department for the purpose of placing children in an adoptive home for adoption.
- (c) "Department" means the Department of Human Services of the State of Georgia.
- (d) "Disruption" means the termination of adoption proceedings prior to finalization of the adoption.
- (e) "Payments" means funds provided to a child-placing agency from a combination of state and Federal Title IV-E funds for placing a child with special needs who is under the jurisdiction of the Department in an adoptive home for the purpose of adoption.

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