

§4100-A. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings. [PL 2025, c. 501, §1 (NEW).]

1. At-risk school-age youth. "At-risk school-age youth" means a school-age youth who is at risk of educational failure because of limited English proficiency, community factors, academic difficulties or economic disadvantage.

[PL 2025, c. 501, §1 (NEW).]

2. Community-based nonprofit organization. "Community-based nonprofit organization" means a qualified nonprofit organization incorporated under federal law or under the laws of this State and subject to the provisions of Title 13, chapter 81 or the Maine Nonprofit Corporation Act that provides out-of-school programming to school-age youth. "Community-based nonprofit organization" includes the following entities:

A. A community-based nonprofit organization that is not a member of a statewide youth-serving nonprofit organization; [PL 2025, c. 501, §1 (NEW).]

B. A statewide youth-serving nonprofit organization; and [PL 2025, c. 501, §1 (NEW).]

C. A coalition of at least 3 nonprofit organizations that provide youth services in a specific geographic region. [PL 2025, c. 501, §1 (NEW).]

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3. Eligible provider. "Eligible provider" means a community-based nonprofit organization, a library or a statewide youth-serving nonprofit organization.

[PL 2025, c. 501, §1 (NEW).]

4. Out-of-school programming. "Out-of-school programming" means structured programs or activities with engaged adults, mentors and evidence-based or evidence-informed outcomes provided to school-age youth before school, after school or during the summer and relating to one of more of the following:

A. Improving social, emotional, academic or vocational competencies; [PL 2025, c. 501, §1 (NEW).]

B. Preventing teenage pregnancies; [PL 2025, c. 501, §1 (NEW).]

C. Reducing negative behaviors, such as violence and crime; tobacco, alcohol and other substance use; disengagement from school; behaviors leading to school suspension; truancy; and other health-compromising behaviors; [PL 2025, c. 501, §1 (NEW).]

D. Providing a safe out-of-school environment; [PL 2025, c. 501, §1 (NEW).]

E. Engaging in career exploration or formal or informal apprenticeships; and [PL 2025, c. 501, §1 (NEW).]

F. Any other programming approved by the department. [PL 2025, c. 501, §1 (NEW).]

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5. Program. "Program" means the Building Opportunity Through Out-of-school Time Program. [PL 2025, c. 501, §1 (NEW).]

6. School-age youth. "School-age youth" means a child 5 to 13 years of age and attending a kindergarten, elementary school or secondary school at which the compulsory attendance requirements of the State can be met pursuant to Title 20-A, section 5001-A.

[PL 2025, c. 501, §1 (NEW).]

7. Statewide youth-serving nonprofit organization. "Statewide youth-serving nonprofit organization" means a statewide, qualified nonprofit organization incorporated under federal law or

under the laws of this State and subject to the provisions of Title 13, chapter 81 or the Maine Nonprofit Corporation Act that serves community-based nonprofit organizations and supports facility-based out-of-school programming designed for recreational, educational and character-building purposes for school-age youth.

[PL 2025, c. 501, §1 (NEW).]

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PL 2025, c. 501, §1 (NEW).

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