

	S.263 as Passed SHW	Designated Agencies	Specialized Service Agencies
Definition	“‘Parent Child Center’ means a community-based organization that serves as a central hub and lead provider of services for primary prevention and strengthening protective factors for families with young children <i>on behalf of the State.</i> ”		
Directive	“The Parent Child Center Network may recommend to the Secretary of Human Services or a designee one or more new parent child centers for <i>designation</i> every six years. Upon receipt of the Network’s recommendations, the Secretary or designee shall review each parent child center recommended for designation to ensure it meets the criteria set forth in subsection (c) of this section. A parent child center recommended by the Network and determined to meet the criteria in subsection (c) of this section by the Secretary or a designee <i>shall be deemed a designated parent child center.</i> ”	“...the Commissioners of Mental Health and of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living <i>shall</i> , within the limits of funds designated by the Legislature for this purpose, <i>ensure</i> that community services to persons with a mental condition or psychiatric disability and persons with a developmental disability throughout the State are provided through designated community mental health agencies. The Commissioners <i>shall designate public or private nonprofit agencies to provide or arrange for the provision of these services.</i> ”	“The Commissioner <i>may enter into agreements</i> with local community mental health and developmental and developmental disability agencies of with any public or private agency for the purpose of establishing specialized services which are needed by persons with a mental condition or psychiatric disability or with a severe emotional disturbance and are not available from designated community mental health agencies.”
Funding	“The Secretary of Human Services <i>shall annually disperse a joint appropriation for all parent child center services</i> to the Parent Child Center Network....” * * * “In determining the annual appropriation for the Parent Child Center Network, the Secretary <i>shall employ an annual inflation factor</i> that is reasonable and that adequately reflects economic conditions.”	“...the Commissioners of Mental Health and of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall, <i>within the limits of funds designated by the Legislature for this purpose</i> , ensure that community services to persons with a mental condition or psychiatric disability and persons with a developmental disability throughout the State are provided through designated community mental health agencies.” * * * “ <i>Within the limits of available resources</i> , each designated community mental health or developmental disability agency <i>shall</i> plan, develop, and provide or otherwise arrange for those community mental health or developmental disability services that are not assigned by law to the exclusive jurisdiction of another agency....”	