§ 482-b. Definitions. As used in this article:

1. "Settlement house" means an independent, voluntary, not-for-profit organization demonstrating affiliation with the New York state association for settlement houses and neighborhood centers engaged in community work and social services delivery in a defined neighborhood in a municipality of the state of New York which provides comprehensive, coordinated, family-focused multi-generational human services such as child care, employment training, housing assistance counseling, youth development, educational services, senior services and arts and cultural activities, based on the needs of the neighborhood or neighborhoods served and which:

(a) has been incorporated for at least three years;

(b) is qualified as a tax-exempt organization pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code;

(c) provides services to all those who live in the neighborhood or neighborhoods served without regard to race, creed, religious practice, color, sex, age, national origin, economic status, disability, or affectional preference;

(d) has an independent, autonomous board of directors which meets at regular intervals, has full authority over the policies and operations of the organization, and the membership of which includes community residents;

(e) employs appropriate staff including a position of chief executive officer;

(f) has a budget which is adopted on an annual basis by the board of directors, utilizes an accepted accounting system, and has prepared an annual fiscal audit by a certified public accountant not connected with the organization; and

(g) can demonstrate that one of its primary purposes is the improvement of the relationships among groups of different cultural, economic, religious, and social groups in the community through a variety of individual, group, and inter-group activities.

2. "Program services" may include, but are not limited to, several of the following services:

(a) early childhood services, including child care, child development

services, early child education and health information and referral for pre-school children;

(b) youth services, including teen centers and school-age programs which provide recreation, homework assistance, preparation for employment, counseling and meals;

(c) education programs, including remedial education, tutoring, homework assistance and English language training;

(d) family programs, including home management, homemaker services, parenting skills training, teen parent services and programs for seniors;

(e) child welfare services including foster care and preventive services;

(f) employment programs, including summer youth employment apprentice programs, job training programs, and displaced homemaker programs;

(g) mental health services, including psychological and, where appropriate, psychiatric group and individual evaluation and counseling;

(h) housing assistance.