

**Family**

The primary care-giving unit, inclusive of the wide diversity of primary caregiving units in our culture. Family therefore is a biological, adoptive or self-created unit of people residing together and consisting of adult(s) and children, with adult(s) performing duties of parenthood for the children. Persons within this unit share bonds, culture, practices and significant relationships. Biological parents, siblings and others with significant attachment to the individual living outside the home are included in the definition of family.