

**Natural Support**

Refers collectively to support commonly identified as:

- "Informal Support " (support provided by those individuals who know or are related to the individual/family, but do not provide a paid service, such as a grandparent or neighbor who is connected to the individual/family) and
- "Community Support" (those supports that are part of the individuals/family's community, such as faith community, neighborhood or community organizations).

**Family**

The primary care-giving unit, inclusive of the wide diversity of primary care-giving 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.