

## Definition of Parent, Guardian and Caregiver

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### **Summary**

These definitions shall apply across all Nesmith Library policies.

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### **Policy**

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**Parent.** The term “Parent” as used in Nesmith Library Policies is defined as:

A father, mother or legal guardian as defined by NH statute.

**Guardian:** The term “Guardian” as used in Nesmith Library Policies is defined as:

A person who is legally entrusted (as specified by NH statute) with the care of the person or property, or both, of another.

**Caregiver:** The term “Caregiver” as used in Nesmith Library policies is defined as:

A person who meets one of the following criteria:

- a. A family member or helper who regularly looks after a child or a sick, elderly, or disabled person.
- b. Has significant responsibility for managing the behavior and or well-being of another individual who is either a minor (as defined by NH Law) or an individual diagnosed with a chronic or debilitating medical condition.
- c. Is designated as such by the child’s parent or legal guardian.

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