

4.2 Terminology Used in this Chapter

“Family unit” is “a parent and the parent’s dependent children under the age of three years.” G.S. 122C-211(g).

“Incapable adult” is a person who, “in the opinion of a physician or eligible psychologist, . . . currently lacks sufficient understanding or capacity to make and communicate mental health treatment decisions.” G.S. 122C-72(4).

“Incompetent adult” is “an adult individual adjudicated incompetent.” G.S. 122C-3(17). The procedures for an incompetency proceeding are set forth in Chapter 35A of the North Carolina General Statutes and are beyond the scope of this manual.

“Legally responsible person” is the legally-appointed guardian for an adult who has been adjudicated incompetent. G.S. 122C-3(20)(i).