

adoption	the legal process where all legal rights and responsibilities are transferred from birth parents to adoptive parents
authoritarian	a style of parenting characterised by a parent being demanding and inflexible
biological parent	one who contributes genetic material as a result of sexual intercourse or assisted reproductive technologies
carer	a person who, formally or informally, provides ongoing personal care to a dependant
community organisations	welfare agencies such as Salvation Army, Smith Family, Red Cross, that assist parents and caregivers to meet their primary needs

democratic

a style of parenting characterised by a parent inviting all members of the family to have a say in decisions

dependant

an individual who is under the care of someone else

discipline

the practice of training children to obey rules or a code of behaviour, sometimes using punishment to correct disobedience

duty of care

a legal concept that involves the idea that parents and carers must meet the needs of their dependants and care for their wellbeing

elder abuse

a single or repeated act, or lack of appropriate action, occurring which causes harm or distress to an older person

formal support

support for parents and carers provided by an organisation or service e.g. from DOCS or the Salvation Army etc.

fostering

an alternate living arrangement for children whose parents are temporarily unable to care for them in the family home

house husband

a man who lives with a partner and carries out household duties traditionally done by a housewife, instead of going out to work

informal support

support for parents and carers not backed by an organisation or service e.g. from relatives, friends or neighbours

management strategy

a plan or action put in place in order to achieve a goal

negligent

a situation in which parents do not meet the physical or emotional needs of their children

permissive/indulgent

a style of parenting characterised by a parent displaying excessive leniency

ratify

to sign or give formal consent to a treaty, contract or agreement, making it officially valid

respite care

the temporary care of an aged, ill or disabled person, usually in an institution. It is designed to give carers a break from the demands of their daily routine

responsibility

a duty or obligation

rights

entitlements

social parent

one who has parental responsibilities for a child with whom they do not share a genetic relationship

step-parent

a man or woman who marries or forms a relationship with a partner who has a child or children from a previous relationship

surrogacy

an arrangement between a couple who cannot have children and a woman who becomes pregnant on the couple's behalf; the child is handed to the couple after delivery
