

**232D.102 Definitions.**

1. “*Adult*” means a person eighteen years of age or older or a person declared to be emancipated by a court of competent jurisdiction.

2. “*Conservator*” means a person appointed by a court to have custody and control of the property of a minor.

3. “*Court*” means the juvenile court established under [section 602.7101](#).

4. “*Demonstrated lack of consistent parental participation*” means the refusal of a parent to comply with duties and responsibilities imposed upon a parent by the parent-child relationship, including but not limited to providing the minor with necessary food, clothing, shelter, health care, education, and other care and supervision necessary for the minor’s physical, mental, and emotional health and development.

5. “*Guardian*” means a person appointed by the court to have custody of a minor.

6. “*Legal custodian*” means a person awarded legal custody of a minor.

7. “*Legal custody*” means an award of the rights of legal custody of a minor under which a parent has legal custodial rights and responsibilities toward the minor child including but not limited to decision making affecting the minor’s legal status, medical care, education, extracurricular activities, and religious instruction.

8. “*Limited guardianship*” means a guardianship that grants the guardian less than all powers available under [this chapter](#) or otherwise restricts the powers of the guardian.

9. “*Minor*” means an unmarried and unemancipated person under the age of eighteen years.

10. “*Parent*” means a biological or adoptive mother or father of a child, a person whose parental status has been established by operation of law due to the person’s marriage to the mother at the time of the conception or birth of the child, by order of a court of competent jurisdiction, or by an administrative order when authorized by state law. “*Parent*” does not include a person whose parental rights have been terminated.

**[2019 Acts, ch 56, §2, 44, 45](#)**

Section takes effect January 1, 2020, and applies to guardianships and guardianship proceedings of minors established or pending before, on, or after that date; 2019 Acts, ch 56, §44, 45