

ACRONYM	TITLE	DESCRIPTION
PEOPLE		
Fa	Father	Father of child(ren)
Fm/Fd	Foster mom/Foster dad	
Fp	Foster parents	
Hp	House parent	
HV	Home visit	
Ma/Mu	Maternal aunt/Maternal uncle	
Mgp	Maternal grandparents	
Mo	Mother	Mother of child(ren)
Pa/Pu	Paternal aunt/ Paternal uncle	
PD	Program Director	
Pgp	Paternal grandparents	
AGENCY		
APS	Adult Protective Services	Division of TX DFPS that is responsible for investigating abuse, neglect, and exploitation of adults who are elderly or have disabilities.
CAC	Children's Advocacy Center	Agency that interviews and offers support to child abuse victims
DADS	Dept. of Aging & Disability Services (agency of TX Health and Human Services)	Established in September 2004 to provide a comprehensive array of aging and disability services, supports and opportunities that are easily accessed in local communities.
ECI/DEBT	Early childhood intervention/ Development Education before Three	Statewide program for children, birth to three, with disabilities and developmental delays, by supporting families to help their children reach their potential through developmental services.
MHMR	Mental Health Mental Retardation	Public system serving Texans with mental illness, mental retardation, and chemical dependency.
WPS	Women's Protective Services	Local domestic violence shelter for women and children. Also offers domestic violence counseling.
YFT	Youth for Tomorrow	Residential shelter for at-risk youth ages 11-17 that have been abandoned, abused, or otherwise alienated from family and community.
CPS		
AP	Alleged Perpetrator	Individual who has been reported to have committed an act of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a child for whom that person has responsibility for care, custody, or welfare.
CPS	Children's Protective Services (agency of DFPS)	Division of TX DFPS that is responsible for investigating abuse, neglect, and exploitation of children.
CVS	Conservatorship	Court-ordered appointment of a person or agency to have control over another person(s) or entity.

CW	Caseworker	Person within an agency designated to be responsible for following through with a case.
D/A assess	Drug & alcohol assessment	Examination used to determine if a person abuses alcohol and/or drugs.
DFPS	Dept. of Family and Protective Services (agency of TX Health and Human Services)	Agency created to protect children, the elderly, and people with disabilities from abuse, neglect, and exploitation by involving clients, families and communities.
FAD	Foster/Adopt	CPS program that recruits, develops, verifies, licenses, and monitors Foster/Adoptive homes.
FAME	Family Advocate Model for Empowerment	A model that assists families in recognizing their strengths and challenges, and then use that to help them resolve problems.
FBSS	Family Based Safety Services (provided through CPS)	Protective services provided to any family that needs assistance to reduce the likelihood that a child in the family will be abused or neglected in the foreseeable future.
FGC	Family Group Conference	Conference held with parents, family members, and CPS to develop the service plan for parent(s) to work to achieve family reunification.
HSEGH	Health, Social Education & Genetic History	Twelve months after a child's initial placement into substitute care, or within 30 days of a referral being sent to the adoption unit to seek an adoptive placement, the child's worker prepares an in-depth report on the child's health, social, educational, and genetic history (HSEGH).
Intake	Report from CPS hotline call	Initial report sent from the CPS hotline to the field
INV	Investigation	The process of gathering information by a trained investigator of APS regarding an alleged incident(s) of abuse, neglect, or exploitation.
ISP	Individualized Service Plan	Service plan developed based on the individual needs of the child.
JMC	Joint Managing Conservatorship	Sharing of the rights, privileges, duties and powers relating to their child by two parties, even if the exclusive power to make certain decisions may be awarded to one party.
LOC	Level of Care (Basic, Moderate, Specialized, or Intense)	Refers to level of care provided by various substitute care facilities.
MDNG	Medical neglect	Failure to provide medical care to a child resulting in illness, poor health, or medical condition.
NSUP	Neglectful Supervision	Placing a child in or failing to remove a child from a situation that results in bodily injury or a substantial risk of immediate harm to the child or a substantial risk of sexual conduct harmful to the child.
OV	Oldest Victim	
P1	Priority One – investigation	Highest priority case – must respond within 24 hours.
P2	Priority Two - investigation	Second highest priority – must respond within 72 hours.
PAL	Preparation for Adult Living	Program implemented to ensure that older youth in

		substitute care are prepared for their departure from the CPS care and support.
PHAB	Physical Abuse	Physical injuries resulting from abuse.
PHNG	Physical Neglect	Failure to provide the child with food, clothing, or shelter necessary to sustain the life or health of the child, excluding failure caused primarily by financial inability unless relief services had been offered and refused.
PMC	Permanent Managing Conservatorship	CPS is made permanently responsible for a child as the result of a district court order .
PPM	Permanent Planning Meeting	Permanency Planning meeting is the umbrella term used in substitute care to describe the service planning model CPS uses to address permanency issues for the child.
RAPR	Refusal of Parental Rights	One of the dispositions to allegations in an investigation.
RTB	Reason to believe	One of the dispositions to allegations in an investigation.
Ruled Out	Investigation ruled out	One of the dispositions to allegations in an investigation.
SXAB	Sexual Abuse	
TARE	Texas Adoption Resource Exchange	TX state database of children eligible for adoption.
TDPRS	TX Dept. of Protective & Regulatory Services	The agency of the Texas Health and Human Services System that is responsible for managing community-based programs that prevent delinquency, abuse, neglect and exploitation of Texas children, elderly and disabled adults.
TMC	Temporary Managing Conservatorship	CPS is made temporarily responsible for a child as the result of a district court order .
UTD	Unable to Determine	One of the dispositions to allegations in an investigation.
EDUCATION		
ARD	Admissions Review Dismissal	Committee that develops an individual education plan for a child with disabilities after assessing the child's needs. The plan must be reviewed and updated annually.
BIP	Behavior Intervention Plan	Designed for a specific child to try to help that child change his/her behavior
FBA	Functional Behavior Assessment	A problem solving process for addressing student problem behavior
FIE	Full Individual Evaluation	A comprehensive multidisciplinary evaluation of a child, provided at no cost to the parent, to determine eligibility for special education services and identify the special education and related services the child needs to receive a free appropriate public education
GED	General Education Diploma	A battery of five tests which, when passed, certify that the taker has the equivalent of an American high school diploma.
IEP	Individual Education Program/Plan	A written education plan designed to meet a child's

		learning needs
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment	A student who has a disability should have the opportunity to be educated with non-disabled peers, to the greatest extent appropriate
MDR	Manifestation Determination Review	A process to determine if a student's behavior problem was or was not a manifestation of the student's disability
	LEGAL	
AAL	Attorney Ad Litem	Attorney appointed by court to represent the child(ren)
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act	Federal Legislation passed in 1990 prohibiting discrimination based on disabilities.
ASFA	Adoption and Safe Families Act	Federal legislation passed in 1997 to ensure the safety and well-being of children and their families.
DA	District Attorney	Primary lawyer employed by the District court.
GAL	Guardian Ad Litem	Advocate appointed to represent the best interest of the child(ren).
ICPC	Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children	The Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) is a uniform law enacted by all fifty states to ensure that children placed <i>out of their home state</i> receive the same protections and services that would be provided, if they remained in their home state.
ICWA	Indian Child Welfare Act	Federal legislation that gives tribal governments a strong voice concerning Native American child custody proceedings by allocating tribes sole jurisdiction over states.
TFC	Texas Family Code	
MEDICAL		
CARE		Sexual abuse physical examination.
DNR	Do Not Resuscitate	A written order from a doctor that resuscitation should not be attempted if a person suffers cardiac or respiratory arrest.