

# CASA ACRONYMS & ABBREVIATIONS

| ACRONYM /<br>ABBREVIATION /<br>KEYWORD | TITLE | DESCRIPTION |
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## GENERAL ABBREVIATIONS

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| <b>Fa</b>    | Father                        | Father of child(ren) |
| <b>Fm/Fd</b> | Foster mom/Foster dad         |                      |
| <b>Fp</b>    | Foster parents                |                      |
| <b>Hp</b>    | House parent                  |                      |
| <b>HV</b>    | Home visit                    |                      |
| <b>Ma/Mu</b> | Maternal aunt/Maternal uncle  |                      |
| <b>Mgp</b>   | Maternal grandparents         |                      |
| <b>Mo</b>    | Mother                        | Mother of child(ren) |
| <b>Pa/Pu</b> | Paternal aunt/ Paternal uncle |                      |
| <b>PD</b>    | Program Director              |                      |
| <b>Pgp</b>   | Paternal grandparents         |                      |

## AGENCY

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| <b>APS</b>      | Adult Protective Services   | Division of TX CPS that is responsible for investigating abuse, neglect, and exploitation of adults who are elderly or have disabilities.   |
| <b>CAC</b>      | Children's Advocacy Center  | Agency that interviews and offers support to child abuse victims  |
| <b>DADS</b>     | 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.                      |
| <b>ECI/DEBT</b> | 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. |
| <b>MHMR</b>     | Mental Health Mental Retardation  | Public system serving Texans with mental illness, mental retardation, and chemical dependency.  |
| <b>WPS</b>      | Women's Protective Services   | Local domestic violence shelter for women and children. Also offers domestic violence counseling.   |
| <b>YFT</b>      | 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

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| <b>AP</b>         | 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.   |
| <b>CPS</b>        | Children's Protective Services (agency of DFPS)                                  | Division of TX DFPS that is responsible for investigating abuse, neglect, and exploitation of children.  |
| <b>CVS</b>        | Conservatorship  | Court-ordered appointment of a person or agency to have control over another person(s) or entity.  |
| <b>CW</b>         | Caseworker   | Person within an agency designated to be responsible for following through with a case.  |
| <b>D/A assess</b> | Drug & alcohol assessment  | Examination used to determine if a person abuses alcohol and/or drugs.   |
| <b>DFPS</b>       | 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.  |
| <b>FAD</b>        | Foster/Adopt   | CPS program that recruits, develops, verifies, licenses, and monitors Foster/Adoptive homes.   |
| <b>FAME</b>       | 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.  |
| <b>FBSS</b>       | 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.  |
| <b>FGC</b>        | 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.   |
| <b>HSEGH</b>      | 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). |
| <b>Intake</b>     | Report from CPS hotline call   | Initial report sent from the CPS hotline to the field  |
| <b>INV</b>        | Investigation  | The process of gathering information by a trained investigator of APS regarding an alleged incident(s) of abuse, neglect, or exploitation.   |
| <b>ISP</b>        | Individualized Service Plan  | Service plan developed based on the individual needs of the child.   |
| <b>JMC</b>        | 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.  |
| <b>LOC</b>        | Level of Care  | Refers to level of care provided by various substitute care facilities.  |
| <b>MDNG</b>       | Medical neglect  | Failure to provide medical care to a child resulting in illness, poor health, or medical condition.  |
| <b>NSUP</b>       | 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.  |
| <b>OV</b>         | Oldest Victim  |  |

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| <b>P1</b>        | Priority One – investigation                 | Highest priority case – must respond within 24 hours.   |
| <b>P2</b>        | Priority Two - investigation                 | Second highest priority – must respond within 72 hours.   |
| <b>PAL</b>       | 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.   |
| <b>PHAB</b>      | Physical Abuse                               | Physical injuries resulting from abuse.   |
| <b>PHNG</b>      | 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. |
| <b>PMC</b>       | Permanent Managing Conservatorship           | CPS is made permanently responsible for a child as the result of a district court order.  |
| <b>PPM</b>       | 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.  |
| <b>RAPR</b>      | Refusal of Parental Rights                   | One of the dispositions to allegations in an investigation.   |
| <b>RTB</b>       | Reason to believe                            | One of the dispositions to allegations in an investigation.   |
| <b>Ruled Out</b> | Investigation ruled out                      | One of the dispositions to allegations in an investigation.   |
| <b>SXAB</b>      | Sexual Abuse                                 |   |
| <b>TARE</b>      | Texas Adoption Resource Exchange             | TX state database of children eligible for adoption.  |
| <b>TDPRS</b>     | 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.      |
| <b>TMC</b>       | Temporary Managing Conservatorship           | CPS is made temporarily responsible for a child as the result of a district court order.  |
| <b>UTD</b>       | Unable to Determine                          | One of the dispositions to allegations in an investigation.   |

## EDUCATION

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| <b>ARD</b> | 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.  |
| <b>BIP</b> | Behavior Intervention Plan         | Designed for a specific child to try to help that child change his/her behavior  |
| <b>FBA</b> | Functional Behavior Assessment     | A problem solving process for addressing student problem behavior  |
| <b>FIE</b> | 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 |
| <b>GED</b> | General Education Diploma          | A battery of five tests which, when passed, certify that the taker has the equivalent of an American high school diploma.  |
| <b>IEP</b> | Individual Education Program/Plan  | A written education plan designed to meet a child's learning needs   |
| <b>LRE</b> | Least Restrictive Environment      | A student who has a disability should have the opportunity to be educated with non-disabled <a href="#">peers</a> , to the greatest extent appropriate   |
| <b>MDR</b> | Manifestation Determination Review | A process to determine if a student's behavior problem <b>was or was not</b> a manifestation of the student's disability   |

## LEGAL

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| <b>AAL</b>  | Attorney Ad Litem                                | Attorney appointed by court to represent the child(ren)   |
| <b>ADA</b>  | Americans with Disabilities Act                  | Federal Legislation passed in 1990 prohibiting discrimination based on disabilities.  |
| <b>ASFA</b> | Adoption and Safe Families Act                   | Federal legislation passed in 1997 to ensure the safety and well-being of children and their families.  |
| <b>DA</b>   | District Attorney                                | Primary lawyer employed by the District court.  |
| <b>GAL</b>  | Guardian Ad Litem                                | Advocate appointed to represent the best interest of the child(ren).  |
| <b>ICPC</b> | 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. |
| <b>ICWA</b> | 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.   |
| <b>TFC</b>  | Texas Family Code                                |   |

## MEDICAL

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| <b>CARE</b> |                    | Sexual abuse physical examination.  |
| <b>DNR</b>  | Do Not Resuscitate | A written order from a doctor that resuscitation should not be attempted if a person suffers cardiac or respiratory arrest. |