

Commonly used DCS acronyms

A

AA - adoption assistance

AACWA - Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980

A&D - alcohol and drug

ACCWIC - Atlantic Coast Child Welfare Implementation Center

ACA - American Correctional Association

ACF - Administration for Children and Families

ACLSA - Ansell Casey Life Skills Assessment

ACV - alleged child victim

ADA - Americans with Disabilities ACT

ADD - attention deficit disorder

ADHD - attention deficit disorder with hyperactivity

AFCARS - Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System

AFDC - Aid to Families with Dependent Children

AG - attorney general

AIDS - acquired immunodeficiency syndrome

AP - alleged perpetrator

APS - adult protective services

ASFA - Adoption and Safe Families Act

AWOL - absent without leave

B

BHO - behavioral health organization

BIP - behavior intervention plan

BPR - Board of Professional Responsibility

BTA - baseline target actual

C

CAC - Child Advocacy Center

CANS - Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths

CAPTA - Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act

CASA - court appointed special advocate

CBT – computer-based training
CFSR – child and family service review
CFTM – child and family team meeting
CM – case manager
CIP – court improvement program
CIR – Critical Incident Report
CIRT – Center for Intensive Residential Treatment
CIT – crisis intervention team
CLE – continuing legal education
CMV – cytomegalovirus
CO – Central Office
COA – Council on Accreditation
COE – Center of Excellence
CPIT – child protective investigative team
CPR – case process review
CPS – child protective services
CQI – continuous quality improvement
CRI – Children’s Rights, Inc.
CRP – community residential program
CSA – Community Services Agency
CSLA – children in special living arrangements
CSO – children’s services officer
CWB – child welfare benefits
CWLA – Child Welfare League of America
CY – calendar year

D

D – date of birth
D&I – diagnostic and intervention
DA – district attorney
D&N – dependent and neglected
DCS – Department of Children’s Services
DEA – Drug Enforcement Agency
DHS – Department of Human Services
DIDD – Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
DMRS – Division of Mental Retardation Services

DNA – deoxyribonucleic acid
DNR – do not resuscitate
DOB – date of birth
DOC – Department of Correction
DOE – Department of Education
DOHR – Department of Human Resources
DPA – direct purchase authority
DMS-IV – Diagnostic and Statistical Manual for Mental Disorders

E

ED – emotionally disturbed
EAP – Employee Assistance Program
EFC – Extension of Foster Care
EPSDT – early periodic screening, diagnosis and treatment
ERP – emergency response plan
ETV – Education and Training Vouchers

F

F&A – Department of Finance and Administration
FAFSA – Free Application Federal Student Aid
FAPE – free appropriate public education
FAST – Family Advocacy and Support Tool
FAQ – frequently asked questions
FBA – functional behavior assessment
FC – foster care
FCIP – family crisis intervention program
FCRB – foster care review board
FF – flex funds
FFA – Family Functional Assessment
FHACP – Foster Home and Child Placement
FLSA – Fair Labor Standards Act
FSA – field system administrator
FSS – family support services
FSTM – family service team meeting
FSW – family service worker
FTT – failure to thrive
FY – fiscal year
FYI – for your information

G

GAF – Global Assessment of Functioning

GED – General Education Diploma

H

HCCM – home county case manager

HIPAA – Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996

I

IA – Internal Affairs

IAP – individualized accommodation plan

IC – Investigator Coordinator

ICE – Immigration and Customs Enforcement

ICJ – Interstate Compact on Juveniles

ICPC – Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children

ICWA – Indian Child Welfare Act

IDEA – Individuals with Disabilities Act

IE – immediate eligibility

IEP – individualized education plan/program

IEPA – Inter-Ethnic Place Act

IL – Independent Living

IPA – immediate protection agreement

IPP – individual program plan

IR – information resources

IRB – Institutional Review Board

IS – information systems

ISM – information systems management

IV-D – section of federal Social Security Act

IV-E – section of federal Social Security Act

J

JJ – juvenile justice

JCCO – juvenile court commitment order

JJDPA – Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act

K

KER – kinship exception request

L

LDI – legally defensible interviewing

LEA – local education agency

LEP – limited English proficiency

LI – Lead Investigator

LRE – least restrictive environment

LTPA – long-term placement agreement

M

MCO – managed care organization

MD – manifestation determination

MEPA – Multi-Ethnic Placement Act of 1994

MR – mentally retarded

N

NACC – National Association of Counsel for Children

NCPP – Non-Custodial Permanency Plan

NCAC – National Child Advocacy Centers

NOA – notice of action

O

OIA – other involved adult

OIC – other involved child

O&A – observation and assessment

OIG – Office of the Inspector General

OIR – Office of Information Resources

OJJDP – Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

OJT – on-the-job training

OSHA – Occupational Safety and Health Administration

OT – occupational therapy

P

P2E – Path to Excellence

PAR – program accountability review

PATH – Parents as Tender Healers

PCP – primary care provider

PD – public defender
PDU – Policy Development Unit
PER – placement exemption request
PIP – program improvement plan
POA – power of attorney
PP – private provider
PPLA – planned permanency living arrangement
PQI – Performance and Quality Improvement
PREA – Prison Rape Elimination Act
PT – physical therapy
PTSD – post-traumatic stress disorder

Q

QSR - quality service review

R

R&D – research and development
RA – regional administrator
RAC – residential appeals committee
RAD – reactive attachment disorder
REACT – Resource Exchange for Adoptable Children in Tennessee
RFP – request for proposals
RGC – regional general counsel
RID – Regional Investigations Director
R/O – rule out
ROCM – risk-oriented case management
RSV – respiratory syncytial virus

S

SACWIS – State Automated Child Welfare Information System
SAT – services and appeals tracking
SDM – Structured Decision Making
SEA – State Education Agency
SED – seriously emotionally disturbed
SIR – serious incident report
SIU – Special Investigations Unit
SPG – Subsidized Permanent Guardianship
SPMI – seriously and persistently mentally ill
SSA - Social Security Administration

SSI – supplemental security income
SSMS - Social Services Management System
STM - support team meeting

T

TAC – Technical Assistance Committee
TANF – Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
TBI – Tennessee Bureau of Investigation
TC – team coordinator
TCA – Tennessee Code Annotated
TCCY – Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth
TCSES – Tennessee Child Support Enforcement System
TDM – team decision making
TEIS – Tennessee Early Intervention Services
TFACTS – Tennessee Family and Child Tracking System
TFBC – Trauma Focus-Cognitive Behavior Therapy
THP – trial home placement
THV – trial home visit
TIES – TN Info Exchange System
TIPS – Tennessee Infant Parent Services
TL – team leader
TPR – termination of parental rights
TRCP – Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure
TRJP – Tennessee Rules of Juvenile Procedure
TSR - telecommunications service request

U

UAPA – Uniform Administrative Procedures Act
UCA – unique care agreement
UCCJEA – Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act
UR – utilization review

V

VAP – voluntary acknowledgement of paternity
VPN – virtual private network
VVCO – violation of a valid court order
VPA – voluntary placement agreement

Y

YDC – youth development center

YFIA – Youth and Family Intervention Agreement

YSO – youth services officer