



Common Acronyms

Acronym/Jargon	Meaning
300	Section 300 of the CA Welfare and Institutions Code describes a child who is subject to the jurisdiction of the court as a "dependent of the court."
600	Section 600 describes "those youth who are under the age of 18 who violate the law"
601	Children/teens who are "Status Offenders" (beyond control of parents, run away, truancy)
602	Children/teens who have committed a crime
AA	Alcoholics Anonymous
(AB) 636	Child Welfare Services Improvement and Accountability Act
AB	Assembly Bill
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADD-RT	Attention Deficit Disorder- Residual Type, lasting into Adulthood
ADHD	Attention Deficit with Hyperactivity Disorder
ADD/WO	Attention Deficit Disorder without hyperactivity, also known as "Undifferentiated ADD"
APA	American Psychiatric Association
APS	Adult Protective Services
ASFA	Adoption and Safe Families Act-Federal Legislation that mandates outcomes & reviews for CWS and sets limited timelines for youth in foster care
ASHA	American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
AT	Assistive Technology
BD	Behavior Disordered
CalSAHF	California Safe and Healthy Families
CalWIN	CalWORKs Information System
CalWORKs	California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids
CAPC	Refers to local Child Abuse Prevention Councils such as SLO-CAP

CASA	Court Appointed Special Advocate
CATTA	Child Abuse Training and Technical Assistance Center
CCFC	California Children and Families Commission
CCL	Community Care Licensing
CCS	California Children's Services
CDDS	California Department of Developmental Services
CDHS	California Department of Health Services
CDRC	Child Developmental Resource Center
CDSS	California Department of Social Services
CFC	Children and Families Commission (now First 5)
Chasnoff	Ira Chasnoff, M.D. studies the effects of prenatal exposure to alcohol, tobacco and other drugs on children's development. See "Beginnings." www.childstudy.org
CHAT	Child Abuse Treatment Program
CHDP	Child Health and Disability Prevention Program
CMH	Children's Mental Health
CODA	Co-Dependents Anonymous
COE	County Office of Education
CP	Cerebral Palsy
CPS - now DFCS or CWS	Child Protective Services, now called Department of Families and Children's Services or Child Welfare Services
CW	CalWORKs
CWS	Child Welfare Services or Department of Families and Children's Services (formerly CPS)
CYA	California Youth Authority
CYC	California Youth Connection (former foster youth, now advocates)
DA	District Attorney
DD	Developmental Disabilities
DE	U.S. Department of Education
DFCS	Department of Families and Children's Services or Child Welfare Services (formerly CPS)
DR	Differential Response (CWS Redesign) now called Families First
DSM	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (American Psychiatric Association publication and guide)
DV	Domestic Violence
ED	Emotionally Disturbed
EH	Educationally Handicapped
EI (EIP)	Early Intervention (Program)
ELL	English Language Learner

EPSDT	Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (Medical)
ER	Emergency Response
ES	Early Start (TCRC)-for children 0-3 with or at risk of developmental delay or disability
ESL	English as a Second Language
FAPE	Free, Appropriate, Public Education
FBA	Functional Behavior Assessment
FC	Foster Care
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
FFA	Foster Family Agency
FGC	Family Group Conference
First 5 Commission	Distributes tobacco tax funds to benefit children ages 0-5 & their families www.first5scc.org
FM	Family Maintenance (CWS)
FR	Family Reunification (CWS)
GED	General Education Diploma
HFP	Healthy Families Program
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act of 1996: extends access to health insurance of covered workers who leave their jobs (portability) and protects the integrity, confidentiality and availability of electronic health information (accountability)
HS	Healthy Start
I & R	Information and Referral
ICPC	Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children
ICWA	Indian Child Welfare Act
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (formerly the EHA)
IEP	Individualized Educational Plan
ILP	Independent Living Program (DSS-transitional foster youth)
ITFC	Intensive Treatment Foster Care
JPO	Juvenile Probation Officer
Kin-GAP	Kinship Guardian Assistance Payment (DSS)
LD	Learning Disability
LEA	Local Education Agency (school district or local planning unit)
LGBTQQ	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning (youth)
LOSD	Live Oak School District
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act	Federal legislation designed to protect the educational rights and meet the educational needs of homeless children.
MH	Mental Health
MOU, MOA	Memorandum of Understanding, Memorandum of Agreement
MSHS	Migrant/Seasonal Head Start
NA	Narcotics Anonymous
NCLB	No Child Left Behind
OCAP	Office of Child Abuse Prevention (State)
OFR	Options for Recovery (CWS)
OT	Occupational Therapy
PDD	Pervasive Developmental Disorder
Perry	Bruce Perry, M.D., Ph.D studies the effects of trauma, abuse and neglect on children's development. See "SAFE from the Start." www.childtrauma.org
PHN	Public Health Nurse
PHP	Parents Helping Parents (Family Resource Center, Early Start)
PI	Program Improvement. A school identified under NCLB as being low-performing
PO	Probation Officer
POPS	Positive Opportunities for Parenting Success (father involvement study)
PP	Permanency Planning (CWS)
PPLA	Planned Permanent Living Arrangement
PPP	Post Permanency Planning
PRIDE	Foster parent training provided by CWS
PT	Physical Therapy
PVUSD	Pajaro Valley Unified School District
RCL	Residential Care Level
Redesign	CWS Redesign. For details: www.dss.cahwnet.go
RSP	Resource Specialist Program
Safe from the Start	A program developed through the California Attorney General's Office in conjunction with Dr. Perry to eliminate or mitigate the effects of family violence on children.
SARB	Student Attendance Review Board
SARC	Student Attendance Review Council
SB	Senate Bill
SCCOE	Santa Cruz County Office of Education (more commonly COE)
SCCSD	Santa Cruz City School District
SDM	Structured Decision Making
SED	Severely Emotionally Disturbed

SELPA	Special Education Local Planning Area
SIP	Self-Improvement Plan (CWS) required by AB 636
SPIN	Special Parents Information Network
SR	School Readiness
SST	Student Study Team
SUESD	Soquel Union Elementary School District
SVUSD	Scotts Valley Unified School District
SW, SWS	Social Worker (Supervisor)
TAM	Teenaged Mothers Program
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (CalWORKs in California)
TDM	Team Decision Making (CWS) - meeting held for placement decisions
TFC	Therapeutic Foster Care
THPP	Transitional Housing Placement Program
W & I (code)	Welfare and Institutions Code (CA)
WIC	Women, Infants and Children: Special Supplemental Food Program (PH)
Wraparound Services	Built upon the principles of "Best Practices" with a partnership between Social Services, Mental Health Services, Probation and the Family Care Network (SB163)
WTW	Welfare to Work

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