

## AZFR Glossary Guide

### **AAG**

Assistant Attorney General

An attorney who represents DCS (CPS) in juvenile dependency cases.

### **AZDES**

Arizona Department of Economic Security

[www.azdes.gov](http://www.azdes.gov)

The **Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES)** is a government agency of the State of Arizona, providing a variety of social support services to Arizona residents. Program divisions include:

- Child Support Services
- Aging and Adult Services
- Benefits and Medical Eligibility
- Employment and Rehabilitation Services
- Developmental Disabilities

### **ADHS**

Arizona Department of Health Services

Programs and services include Education, Community Health, Safety, Prevention and Health Preparedness, Licensing and Certification, Mental/Behavioral Health, Vital Records, and Health Data and Evaluation. More information is available at <http://azdhs.gov>

### **ADJC**

Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections

The Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections (ADJC) is responsible for all juveniles adjudicated as delinquent and committed to its jurisdiction by the county juvenile courts. “Dually Adjudicated” youth are youth who have been adjudicated delinquent and are wards of the state (foster care).

**Adoption** - Adoption is the legal transfer of all parenting rights and responsibilities from the original parent to a new parent. Adoption extends throughout lifetime. Adoptive parents have all the rights of birth parents.

### **AFFCF**

Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation

[www.affcf.org](http://www.affcf.org)

Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation

Provides funding for social, athletic and educational opportunities for children in foster care that are not funded in any other way.

### **AG**

Attorney General

Represents and provides legal advice to most State agencies including the Department of Child Safety (DCS).

### **AHCCCS**

Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System

AHCCS is the state Medicaid program. There are four health insurance programs under AHCCCS:

- Medicaid - for adults and children with limited income.
- KidsCare\* - for children under age 19 who are uninsured and have income higher than the Medicaid limit.
- Arizona Long Term Care System (ALTCS)\* - for adults and children who need long term care services like services provided by a nursing home. Services may be provided in the person's own home.
- Medicare Cost Sharing\*- for adults and children who have or could have Medicare.

### **ALTCS**

Arizona Long Term Care System

Program that is designed to help fixed income seniors and other disabled individuals afford the care that they need. ALTCS pays for the care that you need after savings are exhausted.

### **AM**

Adoption Maintenance (aka Adoption Subsidy)

A child in the custody of the DCS when adopted may be eligible for Adoption Subsidy if s/he has a special need or condition. If a child is eligible for Adoption Subsidy s/he may receive medical coverage through AHCCCS/Medicaid, monthly maintenance and/or reimbursement for special services related to pre-existing conditions. Adoption Subsidy is available to the child up to age 18. The Adoption subsidy levels are Adoption Maintenance (AM) - AM1, AM2, AM3 and AM4 (therapeutic)

### **A/N**

Abuse and Neglect

Abuse: physical non-accidental injuries such as bruises broken bones, burns, cuts and other. Also, sexual abuse which occurs when a sex act is performed with children. Using children in pornography, prostitution or other types of sexual activity.

Neglect: occurs when children are not given necessary care for illness or injury. It also includes leaving young children unsupervised or alone, locked in or out of the house, hazardous living conditions or without adequate clothing, food or shelter.

### **ARS**

Arizona Revised Statutes

Laws of the state of Arizona. Many 'statutes' define how DCS must work with children, biological families and foster care providers.

### **AZAFAP**

Arizona Association for Foster and Adoptive Parents

[www.azafap.org](http://www.azafap.org)

All volunteer group comprised of foster, adoptive and kinship families. AZAFAP mission is support, empower and educate the state's foster, adoptive and kinship parents.

### **AZEIP**

Arizona Early Intervention Program

[www.azdes.gov/azeip](http://www.azdes.gov/azeip)

Statewide, interagency system of supports and services for infants and toddlers (birth to 36 months) with developmental delays or disabilities and their families.

**AZDCS**

Arizona Department of Child Safety (aka DCS-Department of Child Safety or CPS)  
Entity responsible to receive, respond and investigate complaints regarding abuse and neglect. They also provide ongoing case management if determined to be needed.

**BHS**

Behavioral Health Services

Services available to intervene and promote individual's well-being, his ability to function in everyday life and concept of self. These services are focus on the study of emotions, behaviors and biology related to mental well-being or previous experience of trauma and are provided by mental health professionals (psychologists, licensed social workers, licensed family therapist, counselors)

**BX**

Behaviors

Ways that a person reacts in response to a particular situation or toward others.

**C2C**

Cradle to Crayons

Program that provides therapy, "coached" parent-child visits and other services sooner and more frequently for children and their parents so that judges, DCS case managers, attorneys and treatment providers can make better-informed decisions about their future as a family

**CCR&R**

Child Care Resource and Referral

Provides assistance to families seeking child care and to child care providers at no charge. Their website is: <http://www.arizonachildcare.org>

**CDH**

**Child Developmental Home**

Foster home for a child with a developmental disability. Licensed by the Department of Developmental Disabilities.

**CFT**

**Child & Family Team**

Behavioral health practice for children in foster care in the behavioral health system. A defined group of people is invited to participate by the child and family including, at a minimum, the child and his/her family, a behavioral health representative, and any individuals important in the child's life. This may include, for example, physical health provider, teachers, extended family, members, friends, family support partners, healthcare providers, coaches, community resource providers, representatives from churches, synagogues or mosques, agent from other service systems like DCS or DDD. These meetings should occur monthly with the participation of the child. If services are not being provided, family can request them through the DCS Child Safety Specialist.

**CIT**

Crisis Intervention Team

Crisis intervention services provided by a mobile team or individual who travels to the place where the person is experiencing the crisis (e.g., person's place of residence, emergency room, jail, community setting) to:

- Stabilize acute psychiatric or behavioral symptoms;
- Evaluate treatment needs; and
- Develop plans to meet the needs of the persons served.

Depending on the situation, the person may be transported to a more appropriate facility for further care (e.g., a crisis services center).

**CMDP**

Comprehensive Medical & Dental Program

State health plan which covers medical, dental, and vision care and prescriptions for foster children.

**CAP**

Corrective Action Plan

Written corrective plan which describes the steps a foster family must take to remedy licensing violations within a specific period of time. If a licensing complaint leads to a CAP, the CAP is not appealable by the foster parent and it is issued by the Office of Licensing and Regulations (OLR)

**CASA**

Court Appointed Special Advocate

Trained volunteer appointed by a judge to speak up for children in foster care in court.

**CP**

Case Plan

Every child and family receiving ongoing services from DCYF has an individualized family centered case plan. The family centered case plan includes the following components: Permanency Goal for the child and expected date of achievement; Risk areas; Safety Threats; Children's Needs; and Characteristics of out of home placement for each child. DCS encourages the participation of parents, children age 12 and older, out-of-home care providers and when appropriate, extended family members in the case planning process.

**CASII**

Child And Adolescent Service Intensity Instrument

Tool used by a behavioral health provider to determine the best level of service intensity for a child or adolescent. It is used within the CFT process.

**CCA**

Child Care Administration (DES)

Assist eligible families with child care costs, enabling parents to participate in employment and specific education and training activities related to employment or in certain other circumstances when parents are unable to provide care.

**CCHT**

Child Crisis Hospital Team

Provides the necessary behavioral health first response for children and their families experiencing acute emotional distress brought on by environmental, psychological or chemical factors. This team fills the gap during the transition from hospitalization to long-term care.

**CFSS**

Child and Family Support Services

Services available to ensure children's safety while helping families solve the problems that place children at risk. These services are provided in local communities and may include: help getting necessary food, housing, clothing or medical care; substance abuse testing and treatment; counseling; child care; and parent skills training.

**COB**

Coordination of Benefits

The process that allows plans providing health and/or prescription coverage for a person to determine their respective payment responsibilities.

**CPC**

Change in Physical Custody

Court order regarding the removal of the child from their current home

**CRN/CRU**

Crisis Response Network/Crisis Response Unit

Provides immediate and confidential help to evaluate whether applicants meet diagnostic and functional criteria to receive comprehensive community based mental health care

**CRS**

Children's Rehabilitative Services

Program administered through AHCCCS, that provides diagnostic, surgical, hospitalization, rehabilitation, pharmacological and allied services.

**CSP**

Child Safety Plan

A plan developed by DCS Child Safety Specialist to ensure the safety of the child. This plan shall include level of intervention and actions necessary to manage the current safety threats, services and support available and a time frame to be implemented.

**CSS**

Child Safety Specialist

It means the same as Child Safety Worker (CSW) or Child Safety Case Manager (CSCM) from DCS

**CSRA**

Child Safety and Risk Assessment

Assessment perform by the Child Safety Specialist to measure the risk and safety of children who are part of a report alleging child maltreatment

**CWL**

Child Welfare Licensing

**DCS**

**Arizona Department of Child Safety**

The Arizona Department of Child Safety is the state's child welfare organization charged with achieving safety, well-being and permanency for children, youth and families.

Formerly CPS.

**DCSE**

**Division of Child Support & Enforcement**

Child Support Services program is a federal/state/local program that collects child support from parents who are legally obligated to pay.

**DDD**

**Division of Developmental Disabilities**

Division of the Arizona Department of Economic Security that provides services to children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families.

**EPSDT**

**Early & Periodic Screening & Diagnosis & Treatment**

Wellness exam that needs to be scheduled within two weeks of placement, then the schedule based for their age.

**DES**

Department of Economic Security

State agency that serves Arizonans through more than 40 programs that address the social and economic needs

**DHP**

Dental Home Provider

Provider selected to receive periodical dental services

**DSM V**

Diagnostic & Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, fourth edition

Manual published by the American Psychiatric Association (APA), offers a common language and standard criteria for the classification of mental disorders

**DV**

Domestic Violence

Any intentional intimidation, physical/ sexual assault, or other abusive behavior as part of a systematic pattern of power and control perpetrated by one intimate partner against another. It includes physical **violence**, sexual **violence**, psychological **violence**, and emotional abuse.

**FAA**

Family Assistance Administration

Division of Department of Economic Security responsible for AHCCCS , Cash Assistance and TANF program.

**FAC**

Family Advocacy Centers

These centers provide comprehensive services to primary and secondary victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, elder abuse and homicide in a safe, confidential and supportive environment.

**FC**

Foster Child(ren)

Child removed from a parent and taken into state custody

**FCC**

Fingerprint Clearance Card

Licensed foster parents are required to have a Level 1 Fingerprint Card and all adult household members

**FCP**

Family Centered Practice

It focuses on children's safety and needs within the context of their families, and communities. It builds on families' strengths to achieve optimal outcomes. Families are defined broadly to include birth, blended, kinship, and foster and adoptive families.

**FCRB**

Foster Care Review Board

Board of volunteers that advises court on progress toward achieving a permanent home for a child or children involved in a dependency action and in an out-of-home placement. It happens every six months.

**FFH**

Family Foster Home

Temporary foster family's home where the child under DCS custody is placed

**FFMF**

Foster Care Medically Fragile Rate

Is the rate assigned for children with medical conditions that require special training for the foster parents in order to care for the child.

**FGDM**

Family Group Decision Making

Meeting where family members come together to make decisions about caring for their children and to develop a plan for services

**Fictive Kin**

Extended family members, or close friends who are not related by blood or legally but know the child in foster care and have previous social ties or a relationship with him/her.

**FPPT**

Family Preservation Program Team

Short-term, family-focused multidisciplinary team that offer services designed to assist families in crisis by improving parenting and family functioning while keeping children safe.

**FTT**

Failure To Thrive

Diagnosis when a child's weight or rate of weight gain is significantly below that of other children of similar age and gender

**GAL**

Guardian Ad Litem

An attorney appointed by the court to represent the best interest of the child

**GED**

General Education Diploma

A credential earned by passing a test that's commonly considered equivalent to a high school diploma

**Guardianship**

Legal relationship between a minor child and a guardian that gives the guardian certain rights and obligations regarding the child. A guardianship doesn't sever the legal relationship that exist between a child and his/her biological parents, however, instead, it co-exists with that legal relationship.

Types of Guardianship:

- **Title 14 Guardianships** are established through the Probate Division of Superior Court. Title 14 Guardianships are granted to grandparents, relatives or other "kin" and require the consent of the legal parent(s). Title 14 Guardianships allows the appointed guardian to enroll the child in school, make medical decisions for the child and to make most decisions regarding daily life for the child. Title 14 Guardianships can be established for a short time (such as while a legal parent is working out of town, vacationing or during deployment) or can continue until the child turns 18.

**Legal parent(s) can revoke their consent to Title 14 Guardianship at any time, for any reason**

**Title 14 Guardianship does not end the legal parent(s) rights to the child or obligations such as child support.**

- **Title 8 Permanent Guardianships** are established through the court. If you are appointed as a Title 8 Permanent Guardian, you are responsible for the child until he/she turns 18. **You may not return the child to the legal parents without court action and the legal parent may not remove the child from your care without court action.** Title 8 Permanent Guardianship allows the appointed guardian(s) to enroll the child in school, make medical decisions for the child and to make most decisions regarding daily life for the child. Title 8 Permanent Guardianship is meant to remain in effect until the child turns 18. It can happen through a private petition to the court or through DCS.

#### **HIPPA**

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

Federal law dictating the use, release and records maintenance of personal health care information. Resource parents should have access to the medical records of children in their care.

#### **HCTC**

Home Care Training to Home Care Clients (formerly known as therapeutic foster care)

Services delivered by a Department of Child Safety (DCS) -licensed professional foster home to a child residing in the professional foster home. HCTC services assist and support a child in achieving his/her behavioral health service plan goals and objectives.

#### **HX**

History

Previous history of background of the child in care

#### **HV**

Home Visit

Visit performed by the Professional Team working with the child under DCS custody. In the child welfare field visiting the client in their home is the norm. The purpose and frequency of these home visits varies depending on the professional visiting the home.

#### **Ice Breaker Meetings**

A tool for building working relationships between birth parents, foster parents and caseworkers focusing on the child's needs.

#### **ICM**

Intensive Case Manager

Provides for a single point of coordination/accountability in managing the care of individuals designated as high risk and/or high complexity who have not been able to stabilize and improve in treatment through the use of standard care management strategies in behavioral health.

#### **ICPC**

Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children

Rules and process to ensure protection of and services for children who are placed across state lines for foster care and adoption.

#### **ICWA**

Indian Child Welfare Act

Federal law governing American Indian children removed from home due to abuse or neglect which seeks to keep these children in American Indian families

## **IDEA**

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

Federal law which governs how states and public agencies provide early intervention, special education and related services to infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities

## **IDT**

Interdisciplinary Team

Professional team with different educational background working together to enhance and improve the services provide to children and families

## **IEP**

Individual Education Plan/Program

The Individualized Education Plan (IEP) is a written document that outlines a child's education. As the name implies, the educational program should be tailored to the individual student to provide the maximum benefit. It outlines:

- The child's special education plan (goals for the school year)
- Services needed to help the child meet those goals
- A method for evaluating the student's progress

By law, the following people must be invited to attend the IEP meeting:

- One or both of the child's parents
- The child's teacher or prospective teacher
- A representative of the public agency (local education agency), other than the child's teacher, who is qualified to provide or supervise the provision of special education
- The child, if appropriate
- Other individuals at the discretion of the parent or agency (e.g. a physician, advocate, or neighbor)

## **504**

Section 504 of the U.S. Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is designed to help parents of students with physical or mental impairments in public schools, or publicly funded private schools, work with educators to design customized educational plans. These 504 plans legally ensure that students will be treated fairly at school.

Students can qualify for 504 plans if they have physical or mental impairments that affect or limit any of their abilities to:

- walk, breathe, eat, or sleep
- communicate, see, hear, or speak
- read, concentrate, think, or learn
- stand, bend, lift, or work

Examples of accommodations in 504 plans include:

- preferential seating
- extended time on tests and assignments
- reduced homework or classwork
- verbal, visual, or technology aids
- modified textbooks or audio-video materials
- behavior management support
- adjusted class schedules or grading
- verbal testing
- excused lateness, absence, or missed classwork
- pre-approved nurse's office visits and accompaniment to visits
- occupational or physical therapy

## **IL**

### **Independent Living**

Program is designed to improve the transition into adulthood for children ages 13 to 18 in licensed out-of-home care. To be successful upon departure from care, each **youth** will have an opportunity to learn skills based on their individualized needs.

## **ILS**

### **Independent Living Skills**

Knowledge an individual requires to direct his or her life independently at home and in the community

## **ISP/ IFSP**

### **Individualized Service Plan / Individualized Family Service Plan**

A plan developed during the initial assessment for behavioral health developmental health services

## **ITP**

### **Individual Transition Plan**

A plan describes an individual's goals as well as the actions and supports required to achieve those goals as they transition out of foster care

## **JACOB'S LAW**

Bill HB2442 signed by Gov. Doug Ducey on March 2016 that establishes deadlines for a Regional Behavioral Health Authority to provide behavioral health services to foster and adoptive children. The bill's purpose is to ensure easier, better access to behavioral health care for Arizona foster kids and families.

## **JPO**

### **Juvenile Probation Officer**

Person that supervises youth who have been accused or convicted of crimes and are subsequently placed on **probation** or under protective supervision. JPOs work closely with law enforcement, social services, schools, and parents to help **juveniles** become successful.

## **Kin**

### **Kinship**

It refers to the care of children by relatives or, in some jurisdictions, close family friends (often referred to as **fictive kin**). Relatives are the preferred resource for children who must be removed from their birth parents because it maintains the children's connections with their families. Kinship care is often considered a type of family preservation service.

Kinship care may be formal and involve a training and licensure process for the caregivers, monthly payments to help defray the costs of caring for the child, and support services. Kinship care also may be informal and involve only an assessment process to ensure the safety and suitability of the home along with supportive services for the child and caregivers. Approximately one-fourth of the children in out-of-home care are living with relatives.

## **LG**

### **Legal Guardian**

Person appointed by the court to provide for the needs of a child, youth, or young adult and protect his or her interests until he or she reaches adulthood. The guardian's rights are limited.

**LGBT**

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender

**LOC**

Level of Care

It refers to the intensity of treatment an individual will receive through the behavioral health system and it is developed based on the patient's behavioral health needs for intervention.

**LOS**

Lack of Supervision

Leaving young children unsupervised or alone, locked in or out of the house, hazardous living conditions or without adequate clothing, food or shelter.

**LTFC**

Long Term Foster Care

When care plan for the child is to remain in a specific fostering placement, usually until reaching adulthood and leaving care, and certainly for the foreseeable future.

**McKinney Vento**

Federal law designed to increase the school enrollment, attendance, and success of children and youth who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence. It provides modest grants to states to provide supplemental services to eligible youth.

**MEPA/IEPA**

Multi-Ethnic Placement Act / Interethnic Placement Act

Federal law that addresses the use of race, color and national origin in making decisions about foster care and adoptive placements.

- Prohibits agencies from refusing or delaying foster or adoptive placements because of a child's or foster/adoptive parent's race, color, or national origin.
- Prohibits agencies from considering race, color, or national origin as a basis for denying approval as a foster or adoptive parent
- Requires agencies to diligently recruit a diverse base of foster and adoptive parents to better reflect the racial and ethnic makeup of children in out of home care

**NARBHA**

Northern Arizona Regional Behavioral Authority

**NCP**

Non-Custodial Parent

A parent who does not have physical and/or legal custody of his/her child by court order

**OCWI**

Office of Child Welfare Investigation

Office responsible for investigating DCS reports with criminal conduct allegations that meet their investigation criteria in Maricopa and Pima Counties.

**OLR**

Office of Licensing and Regulation

State agency which issues licenses and certification to foster homes, group homes, and emergency shelters. They also request inquiry reports and do home inspections.

**OOH**

Out Of Home

**OT/PT**

Occupational Therapy/Physical Therapy

Hands-on rehabilitative work to help patients with injuries or disabilities that limit how they're able to move and function in daily life.

**PA**

Prior Authorization

Process to determine if a covered service that requires prior approval will be reimbursed. The decision is made based upon the accuracy of the information received and substantiated through concurrent and/or retrospective medical review.

**PCP**

Primary Care Physician / Primary Care Provider

Health care practitioner who sees people that have common medical problems (i.e.: a doctor, physician assistant or a nurse practitioner)

**PCMH**

Patient Centered Medical Home

Care delivery model whereby patient treatment is coordinated through their primary care physician to ensure they receive the necessary care when and where they need it, in a manner they can understand.

**PCHCH**

Patient Centered Health Care Home

Model of care that aims to transform the delivery of comprehensive primary care to children, adolescents, and adults.

**PDP**

Primary Dental Provider

Provider selected to receive periodical dental services

**PDP**

Prescription Drug Plan

Option for individuals who want to enroll in the Medicare Part D. It helps cover the cost of most prescription drugs

**PDL**

Preferred Drug List (aka Preferred Medication list or PML)

Identifies the medications approved by CMDP

**PHI**

Protected Health Information

Under US law is any information about health status, provision of health care, or payment for health care that is created or collected by a "Covered Entity" (or a Business Associate of a Covered Entity), and can be linked to a specific individual.

**PIP**

**Provider Indemnity Program**

State insurance program which provides liability coverage for foster parents for acts of a foster child that result in damage to their property or to third parties

**PM****Program Manager**

Each DCS office has a Program Manager. Your DCS Child Safety Specialist reports to the DCS Unit Supervisor (DCSUS), who reports to the Program Manager (PM). The Program Manager reports to the Program Administrator (PA).

**PPLA**

Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (long term foster care) - A planned permanent living arrangement is a temporary placement which may be ended at any time by the foster parent, social worker or court. Foster parents have limited rights to make plans and decisions on behalf of children and youth in their care.

**PPH****Preliminary Protective Hearing**

Initial court hearing; hearing held 5-7 days after the initial removal of the children from home

**PPC****Preliminary Protective Conference**

Meeting held outside presence of the judge with parents, attorneys, DCS case manager, and court facilitator to attempt to reach agreements and discuss services prior to preliminary protective hearing

**PPH****Permanency Planning Hearing**

Court hearing where the long-term placement plan for children is discussed and the case plan may be changed; hearing held 10-12 months after the initial removal of the children from home

**PS-MAPP****Partnering for Safety and Permanence: Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting**

Thirty hour, state required, training course required for all individuals or non-relatives wanting to become licensed as a foster parent or who need to be certified to adopt.

**POA****Power of Attorney**

Document that allows individuals to appoint a person or organization to manage their affairs if they become unable to do so

**PPN/PPO****Preferred Provider Network/Preferred Provider Organization**

Types of health plan that contract with medical providers, such as hospitals and doctors, to create a network of participating providers. You pay less if you use providers that belong to the plan's network.

**PSRT**

**Protective Services Review Team**

Review all information and determine if there is enough evidence to agree with the decision made by DCS

**QC**

Quick Connect

DCS Family Home Licensing's website, where Foster parents can complete applications online

**R&R**

Report and Review Hearing

Hearing required by law at least every six months to inquire about the status of the children and the compliance of the parents with services

**RBHA**

Regional Behavioral Health Authority

Designated agency contracted by the state to coordinate and manage publicly funded behavioral health services for children, adults and their families within a given county

**RPPS**

Reasonable and Prudent Parenting Standards

Careful and sensible parental decisions that maintain the health, safety, and best interests of a child while at the same time encouraging the emotional and developmental growth of the child. These decisions can be made by the Resource Parent without consulting the Department in advance as long as the activity is developmentally and age appropriate

**RP**

Resource Parents (aka Foster Parents, Kinship Parents)

**RRT**

**Rapid Response Team**

Team that completes an initial evaluation of placed child with 72 hours of placement. The team assesses immediate needs, related to trauma and crisis. Includes behavioral health evaluation, screening for developmental delays, support to child/family placement and connection to ongoing services

**RTC**

Residential Treatment Center

Lockdown facility which provides 24-hour supervision and nursing care for children as well as a school for children who need a higher level of behavioral health care.

**RTC**

Residential Treatment Center

Live-in health care facility providing therapy and intensive help for youth with serious emotional and behavior problems

**RX**

Medical Prescription

**S/A**

Substance Abuse

Long-term, pathological use of alcohol or drugs, characterized by daily intoxication, inability to reduce consumption, and impairment in social or occupational functioning; broadly, alcohol or drug addiction

**SEN**

Substance Exposed Newborn

Baby who experienced prenatal exposure to alcohol, tobacco, and/or illicit drugs

**SED**

Serious Emotional Disturbance

A condition exhibiting one or more of the following characteristics over a long period of time that adversely affects a child's educational performance:

(A) An inability to learn that cannot be explained by intellectual, sensory, or health factors.

(B) An inability to build or maintain satisfactory interpersonal relationships with peers and teachers.

(C) Inappropriate types of behavior or feelings under normal circumstances.

(D) A general pervasive mood of unhappiness or depression.

(E) A tendency to develop physical symptoms or fears associated with personal or school problems.

**SIDS**

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome

Sudden death of an infant less than 1 year of age that cannot be explained after a thorough investigation is conducted

**Significant relationship**

Any relationship the child has and that represents a source of continuity of his/her important attachments and can nurture his/her sense of stability.

**SMI**

Serious Mental Illness

Severe mental illness is often defined by its length of duration and the disability it produces.

These illnesses include disorders that produce psychotic symptoms, such as schizophrenia and schizoaffective disorder, and severe forms of other disorders, such as major depression and bipolar disorder. Individuals can't be diagnosed with a SMI until they adults.

**SNCD**

Strengths, Needs, Culture Discovery

A crisis plan required when a child's CASII score is 4, 5 or 6

**SNF**

Skills Nurse Facilities

**SP2 / SP3**

**Special 2 Foster Care Rate /Special 3 Foster Care Rate SSI**

Higher rates provided to foster care providers based on time and resources used for a child's needs. If the child has multiple therapies multiple times a week and the foster parent is transporting, they might be able to get a higher rate.

**SRO**

School Resource Officer

**SSA**

Social Security Administration

Independent agency of the United States federal government that administers Social Security, a social insurance program consisting of retirement, disability, and survivors' benefits

**SSDI**

Social Security Disability Income

Insurance that pays benefits to you and certain members of your family if you are "insured," meaning that you worked long enough and paid Social Security taxes. Supplemental Security Income pays benefits based on financial need.

**SSI**

Supplemental Security Income

A Federal income supplement designed to help aged, blind, and disabled people with little to no income

**SSN/SS#**

Social Security Number

A number in the format 000-00-0000, unique for each individual, used to track Social Security benefits and for other identification purposes.

**STD**

Sexually Transmitted Disease

Infections that are passed from one person to another through sexual contact. Some STDs, including chlamydia, gonorrhea, genital herpes, and cytomegalovirus can be passed from mother to infant during delivery when the infant passes through an infected birth canal. A few STDs/STIs, including syphilis, HIV, and CMV, can infect a fetus before birth during the pregnancy.

**TANF**

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (aka cash assistance)

A Federal program designed to help needy families achieve self-sufficiency

**TAR**

Treatment Authorization Request

Form filled out by parents when service needs pre-authorization for insurance.

**TCA**

Tribal Customary Adoption

Special form of adoption available to Native American families as recommended by the tribe. TCA does not require termination of parental rights, but instead establishes new roles and expectations for adoptive and birth parents.

**TCN**

Temporary Custody Notice

Written notice provided to parents that the state is taking temporary custody of their child

**TDM**

Team Decision Making

Meeting to discuss, with the parents and other family members, the options available regarding children taken into state custody, as well as any changes to placement or case plan

## **TGH**

Therapeutic Group Home

## **Title II**

Social Security Disability/Survivor Benefits

When a person receiving Social Security Disability benefits dies, the surviving spouse will likely have many questions about whether they qualify to receive survivor benefits, known as Widow/Widower Benefits.

## **Title IV-B**

Federal Funds for Child Welfare Services

Title IV-B provides about a tenth of the annual funding of IV-E (\$637 million) and can be used for services to prevent child maltreatment, to help reunify families, and to maintain a qualified workforce, among other uses. Unlike Title IV-E, Title IV-B funding is capped—a fixed amount is allocated to each state each year.

## **Title IV-E**

Federal Entitlement program for Out of Home Placement of Children

Title IV-E is the largest source of federal funds, accounting for \$6 billion of spending. Title IV-E is an entitlement program that provides states with funding for foster care, adoption assistance, youth transitioning out of foster care to adulthood (funded through the Chafee Act) and administration. Generally, IV-E funding is based on the number of children receiving assistance and for children in foster care, the number of days in care. Only children from families that meet the eligibility criteria for the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program, which ended in 1996, are eligible for Title IV-E

## **Title XIX**

Medicaid provision of Federal Social Security Act

## **Title XVI**

Social Security Supplemental Income

Federal income supplement program funded by general tax revenues (*not* Social Security taxes). It is designed to help aged, blind, and disabled people, who have little or no income; and it provides cash to meet basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter

## **Title 21**

New DCS rule around child safety approved on November 25<sup>th</sup> 2015.

## **TPR**

Termination of Parental Rights

End of the legal parent-child relationship. Once the relationship has been terminated, the child is legally free to be placed for adoption, with the objective of securing a more stable, permanent family environment that can meet the child's long-term parenting needs.

Termination may be voluntary or involuntary. Birth parents who wish to place their children for adoption may voluntarily relinquish their rights.

## **TRBHA**

Tribal Regional Behavioral Health authority

## **TX**

Treatment

## **WIC**

### Women, Infant and Children

Federally funded program providing residents with nutritious foods, nutrition education, and referrals.

### YAP

Young Adult Program

Unit for DCS children (16 years old and up) to help them achieve skills toward being successful as adults.

### YATI

Young Adult Transitional Insurance

CMDP members that reach the age of 18 years of age and who are AHCCCS eligible while in care receive the benefits of the Young Adult Transitional Insurance (YATI) Program for continued medical coverage with AHCCCS when they exit care.

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