

Child Welfare Services (CWS) Acronyms

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NOTE: For a list of acronyms that are associated with the Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) eligibility, refer to the AAP Definitions and Abbreviations.

CWS Acronyms	
AA/NA	Alcoholics Anonymous/Narcotics Anonymous
AA	Administrative Analyst
AAP	Adoptions Assistance Program
AAJC	Applicant Agency Justice Connection
AB	Assembly Bill
ACIN	All-County Information Notice
ACL	All-County Letter
AD	Assistant Director
AFCARS	Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System
AFDC-FC	Aid to Families with Dependent Children -Foster Care
AIS	Aging & Independence Services
AKA	Also Known As
ALJ	Administrative Law Judge
APPLA	Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement
APS	Adult Protective Services
ARC	Approved Relative Caregiver
ASL	American Sign Language
AWOL	Absent Without Leave
BHA	Behavioral Health Assessment
BHS	Behavioral Health Services
BIC	Benefits Identification Card

CWS Acronyms

BOS	Board of Supervisors
BFH	Bringing Families Home
CAC	County Administration Center; Children’s Advocacy Center
CACI	Child Abuse Central Index
CalWORKs	California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids
CANN	Child Assessment Network - North
CANS	Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths
CANRA	Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act
CAP	Child Abuse Program; Community Action Partnership; Corrective Action Plan
CARE	Critical Assessment for Release Early
CARES	California Automated Response and Engagement System
CASA	Court-Appointed Special Advocate
CASS	Comprehensive Assessment and Stabilization Services
CBP	Customs and Border Protection
CBT	Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
CC	County Counsel
C-CFSR	California Child and Family Services Review
CCL	Community Care Licensing
CCR	Continuum of Care Reform
CCRC	Case Consultation Review Committee
CDSS	California Department of Social Services
CEL	Centralized Child Care Eligibility
CE-CERT	Components for Enhancing Clinician Experience and Reducing Trauma
CERT	Case Elevation Review Team
CFT	Child and Family Team
CFTM	Child and Family Team Meeting

CWS Acronyms

CHDP	Child Health and Disability Prevention
CI	Court Intervention
CIN	Children In Need
CIR	Critical Incident Report
CLETS	California Law Enforcement Telecommunication System
CLS	Children's Legal Services
CMH	Community Mental Health
CMHS	Children's Mental Health Services
CMS	Case Management Services
COJ	County of Jurisdiction
COOP	Continuity of Operations
COP	Change of Placement
COPCAR	Court-Ordered Phone Calling Account Request
COR	Contracting Officer Representative; County of Residence
COR	Custodian of Records
CORI	Criminal Offender Record Information (Rap Sheet)
COSD	County of San Diego
COTR	Contracting Officer's Technical Representative
CP	Case Plan
CPCC	Cross Program Case Consultation
CPU	Case Plan Update
CPT	Child Protection Team
CQI	Continuous Quality Improvement
CRA	Cultural Responsiveness Academy
CRC	Civil Rights Coordinator
CRL	Civil Rights Liaison

CWS Acronyms	
CS	Continuing Services
CSA	County Self-Assessment
CSEC	Commercially Sexually-Exploited Child(ren)
CSNA	Child Strengths and Needs Assessment
CQI	Continuous Quality Improvement
CQI PA	Continuous Quality Improvement Policy Analyst
CWDA	County Welfare Directors Association of California
CWDS	Child Welfare Development Services
CWS	Child Welfare Services
CWS/CMS	Child Welfare Services/Case Management System
CWS PA	Child Welfare Services Policy Analyst
CY	Calendar Year
CYPM	Crossover Youth Practice Model
DA	District Attorney
DAP	Documented Alternative Plan
DCS	Deaf Community Services
DDCP	Dependency Drug Court Program
DEC	Drug-Endangered Children
DEI	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
CWS/CMS DG	Child Welfare Services/Case Management System Desk Guide
DD	Deputy Director
DHR	Detention Hearing Report
DHR	Department of Human Resources
DHRO	Departmental Human Resource Officer
DIBBS	Doing It Better By Suggestion
DIF	Desarrollo Integral de la Familia

CWS Acronyms

DLS	Dependency Legal Services
DOB	Date of Birth
DOJ	Department of Justice
DOJL	Department of Justice Liaison
DO	Duty Officer
DOR	Department of Rehabilitation
DPO	Deputy Probation Officer
DRM	Documentum Records Management
DSEP	Developmental Screening and Enhancement Program
DV	Domestic Violence
DVFRT	Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team
EA	Emergency Assistance
ECP	Early Childhood Project
EFC	Extended Foster Care
EL	Education Liaison
EO	Evaluate Out
EPSDT	Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment
ER	Emergency Response
ERD	Emergency Response Document
ERFA	Emergency Resource Family Approval
ERMS	Electronic Record Management System
ESC	Emergency Shelter Care
FAKCE	Foster, Adoptive & Kinship Care Education Program
FARFS	Foster and Adoptive Resource Family Services
FCIS	Foster Care Information System
FCM	Family-Centered Meeting

CWS Acronyms

FCRC	Foster Care Review Committee
FCSC	Foster Care Services Committee
FEE	Family Engagement Efforts
FFA	Foster Family Agency
FFAST	Foster Family Agency Stabilization and Treatment
FFP	Federal Financial Participation
FFPSA	Family First Prevention Services Act
FGC	Family Group Conference/Conferencing
FIT	Family Integrated Treatment Program
FLSA	Fair Labor Standards Act
FM	Family Maintenance
FMV	Family Maintenance - Voluntary
FPRRS	Foster Parent Recruitment and Retention Services
FR	Family Reunification
FRC	Family Recovery Center
FSL	Family Support Liaison
FSNA	Family Strengths and Needs Assessment
FRV	Family Reunification - Voluntary
FTT	Failure to Thrive
FUP	Family Unification Program
FURS	Family Urgent Response System
FVC	Family Visit Coaching
FV	Family Violence
FY	Fiscal Year
FYSCP	Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program
GHU	Grievance Hearing Unit

CWS Acronyms

GR	General Relief
GWOW	Government without Walls
HBFC	Home-Based Family Care
HEP	Health and Education Passport
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HHSA	Health & Human Services Agency
HSS	Human Services Specialist (formerly Eligibility Technician, Benefits Analyst)
HT	Human Trafficking
HTTF	Human Trafficking Task Force
HVC	Highly Vulnerable Children
ICAMA	Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance
ICC	Intensive Care Coordination
ICE	Immigration and Customs Enforcement (formerly INS)
ICFS	Indian Child and Family Services
ICPC	Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children
ICPM	Integrated Core Practice Model
ICT	Inter-County Transfer
ICWA	Indian Child Welfare Act
IEP	Individualized Education Plan/Program
IEU	Institution Evaluation Unit
IFPP	Intensive Family Preservation Program
IHBS	Intensive Home-Based Services
IHC	Indian Health Council
IHSS	In-Home Supportive Services
IL	International Liaison

CWS Acronyms

ILO	International Liaison Office
ILS	Independent Living Skills
ILT	Interagency Leadership Team
IPC	Interagency Placement Committee
IPV	Intimate Partner Violence
IRS	Immediate Response Services
IS	Initial Services
ISFC	Intensive Services Foster Care
ISS	International Social Services
ISU	Indian Specialty Unit
ISU	Internal Security Unit
J/D	Jurisdictional/Dispositional Report
JDO	Juvenile Detention Order
JELS	Justice Electronic Library System
JSC	Jurisdictional Settlement Conference
LE	Law Enforcement
LEL	Law Enforcement Liaison
LFH	Licensed Foster Home
LGH	Licensed Group Home
LGBTQ+	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Transgender Questioning
LSID	Live Scan Identification
LMS	Learning Management System
LOC	Level of Care
LOCP	Level of Care Protocol
LPS	Lanterman Petris Short Act
LTFC	Long-Term Foster Care (replaced by APPLA)

CWS Acronyms

MC	Medi-Cal
MDT	Multidisciplinary Team
ME	Medical Examiner
MHS	Mental Health Services
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MR, M/R	Mandated Reporter
MS	Mail Stop
MSW	Master Of Social Work
NA	New Alternatives
NAH	Native American Heritage
NA/AA	Narcotics Anonymous/Alcoholics Anonymous
NAT	Non-Accidental Trauma
N4K	Neighborhoods for Kids
NEST	Nurturing, Evaluate and Stabilization Team
NMD	Nonminor Dependent
NOA	Notice of Action
NREFM	Non-Relative Extended Family Member
NYTD	National Youth in Transition Database
OA	Office Assistant
OI	Ombudsman Investigator
OIP	Operational Incentive Plan
OJT	On-the-Job Training
OOO	Office of Ombudsman; Out of Office
OOC	Out of County
ORC	Operations Review Committee

CWS Acronyms

OTI	Out-of-Town Inquiry
P&A	Points & Authorities
PAF	Personnel Action Form
PC	Penal Code
PCC	Polinsky Children's Center
PCO	Placement Coordinator's Office
PCWTA	Public Child Welfare Training Academy
PGP	Preferred Gender Pronoun
PHA	Public Housing Authority
PHI	Personal Health Information
PHN	Public Health Nurse
PII	Personal Identifying Information
PIP	Performance Improvement Plan
PM	Policy Manual
PO	Probation Officer
POP	Paternity Opportunity Program
PP	Permanent Placement/Permanent Plan
PPAU	Pre-Planning Assessment Unit/Permanency Planning Assessment Unit
PPH	Permanency Planning Hearing
PPPS	Pre-Placement Preventative Services
PPS	Policy and Program Support
PT	PolicyTech
PT	Presumptive Transfer
PQCR	Peer Quality Case Review
PQRB	Placement Quality Review Board
PRA	Public Records Act

CWS Acronyms

PRT	Permanency Round Table
PRUCOL	Permanent Residence Under Color of Law
PS	Program Specialist
PSC	Pre-Trial Settlement Conference
PCW	Protective Custody Warrants
PSPM	Protective Services Program Manager
PSS	Protective Services Supervisor
PSW	Protective Services Worker
QI	Qualified Individual
QPI	Quality Parenting Initiative
R&R	Revenue and Recovery
RAD	Review, Assess, and Direct
RAP	Residential Adoptability Program
RBS	Residential-Based Services
RCCS	Residential Child Care Specialist
RCL	Rate Classification Level
RCW	Residential Care Worker
RCS	Residential Care Supervisor
REJIS	Regional Juvenile Information System
RF	Resource Family
RFA	Resource Family Approval
RFP	Request for Proposal
RFSQ	Request for Statement of Qualifications
RHA	Relative Home Approval
RP	Reporting Party
RS	Residential Services

CWS Acronyms

SA	Sexual Abuse
SA	Safety Assessment
SDDVC	San Diego Domestic Violence Council
SARB	School Attendance Review Board
SART	Sexual Assault Response Team
SAS	Substance Abuse Specialist
SAT	Substance Abuse Treatment
SB	Senate Bill
SCI	Special Care Increment
SCIAP	Special Care Incentives and Assistance Program
SCP	Substitute Care Provider
SCO	Settlement Conference
SCR	Special Care Rate
SCRRT	Special Care Rate Review Team
SDCOE	San Diego County Office of Education
SDM	Structured Decision Making
SDRC	San Diego Regional Center
SDVLP	San Diego Volunteer Lawyers Program
SED	Severely Emotionally Disturbed
SELPA	Special Education Local Plan Areas
SET	Safety Enhanced Together
SFI	Solution Focus Inquiry
SFQ	Solution Focused Question
SIHC	Southern Indian Health Council
SIJS	Special Immigrant Juvenile Status
SILP	Supervised Independent Living Plan

CWS Acronyms

SIP	System Improvement Plan
SIR	Special Incident Report
SMHS	Specialty Mental Health Services
SN	Special Notice
SOGIE	Sexual Orientation, Gender, Identity and Expression
SOP	Safety Organized Practice
SPA	San Pasqual Academy
SPC	Special Project Code
SPSW	Senior Protective Services Worker
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSI	Supplemental Security Insurance
SSN	Social Security Number
SSRS	Social Services Reporting System
ST	Supportive Transition
STEP-TILP	Supportive Transitional Emancipation Program Transitional Independent Living Plan
STRTP	Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program
SUD	Substance Use Disorder
SW	Social Worker
SWIT	Social Worker Initial Training
TAB	Temporary Assigned Bed
TAH	Tribally Approved Home
TAY	Transition Aged Youth
TCA	Tribal Customary Adoption
TDM	Team Decision Making
TERM	Treatment and Evaluation Resource Management Team
TFC	Therapeutic Foster Care

CWS Acronyms

TF-CBT	Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
TGNC	Transgender and Gender-Nonconforming
THP	Transitional Housing Program
THP+	Transitional Housing Program - Plus
THP+ NMD	Transitional Housing Program Plus- Non-Minor Dependent
TILCP	Transitional Independent Living Case Plan
TILP	Transitional Independent Living Plan
TIPS	Trauma Informed Pre-Service
TKC	The Knowledge Center
TLS	Transport Layer Security
TOP	Treatment Option Package
TRC	Transitional Readiness Conference
TSCF	Temporary Shelter Care Facility
TYH	Transitional Youth Housing Program
UHV	Unannounced Home Visit
VAT	Virtual Assessment Team
VCC	Virtual Case Consultation
VFC	Voices for Children (San Diego's CASA)
VISS	Volunteers in Social Services
VOC	Victims of Crime
VS	Voluntary Services
VTO	Voluntary Time Off
WD	Written Directives
W&I Code	Welfare and Institutions Code
WIC	Welfare and Institutions Code
WIC	Women, Infants, and Children program

CWS Acronyms

WTD

Workforce Training and Development