

Common Abbreviations and Acronyms

(For clarity includes some older acronyms that are used occasionally or may be found in children's files.)

A

AA	Alcoholics Anonymous
ACA	Adult Children of Alcoholics
ACF	Administration for Children and Families (part of federal HHS)
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADC	Aid to Dependent Children (became TANF)
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
Adj.	Adjudication
AFCARS	Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (federally required)
AG	Attorney General
ASFA	Adoption and Safe Families Action (1997 federal, 1998 Nebraska)
AOM	Age of Majority (age of legal adulthood)
Atty	Attorney
AWOL	Absent without leave (refers to children and youth who have runaway)

B

Bd	Board
BD	Behaviorally Disordered
BD	Birth date
BI	Behaviorally Impaired
BT	Boys Town
BTNRH	Boys Town National Research Hospital

C

CA	County Attorney
CAC	Child Advocacy Center
CARF	Children at Risk Field (old DSS form)
CAPTA	The Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (PL 108-36), which is the federal law governing Protection and Safety (P&S, formerly known as CPS, Child Protective Services) programs across the country.
CASA	Court Appointed Special Advocate
CD	Chemical Dependency
CFOM	Children and Family Outcome Monitors (DHHS staff formerly called caseworkers, effective 2011)
CFS	Child and Family Services (part of DHHS)
CMH	Center for Mental Health (e.g. St. Joseph CMH)
CP/CR	Case Plan & Court Report

CPS	Child Protective Services (also known as Protection & Safety, a part of DHHS)
Cnsg	Counseling
Crt	Court (Judge)
CUMC	Creighton University Medical Center
CW	Caseworker
CWD	Children with disabilities

D

DAS	Department of Administrative Services (state agency)
DCC	Douglas County Court
DCH	Douglas County Hospital
DCJC	Douglas County Juvenile Court
DCYC	Douglas County Youth Center
DD	Developmental Delay – a verification category for special education
DD	Developmental Disabilities (a part of HHS)
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services (also known as HHS)
Disp	Disposition
DOB	Date of Birth
DOE	Department of Education (state agency)
DOL	Department of Labor (state agency)
DSS	Department of Social Services (previous name of Department of Health and Human Services)
DST	Drug Screening Test

E

EPSDT	Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment
ER	Emergency Room
ESL	English as a Second Language
ESU	Educational Service Unit

F

F2F	Face To Face
FAPE	Free and Adequate Public Education (federal law)
FCRB	Foster Care Review Board
FDS	Family Development Services
FERPA	Family Educational Right and Privacy Act (federal law)
FH	Foster Home
FITS	Family Intensive Treatment Services (Intensive in-home therapy)
FP	Foster Parent
FPS	Family Permanency Specialists (lead agency staff, formerly service coordinators, effective 2011)
FSW	Family Support Worker
FT	Family Teacher
FY	Fiscal Year (the state fiscal year starts July 1.)

G

GA	General Assistance
GAL	Guardian ad litem
GED	General Equivalency Diploma
GH	Group home
GSA	General Services Agency (federal)

H

HHS	Department of Health and Human Services (also known as DHHS)
HI	Hearing Impaired
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HRC	Hastings Regional Center
HS	High School
HX	History

I

I&R	Information and Referral
ICPC	Interstate Compact
ICWA	Indian Child Welfare Act
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (federal law)
IEP	Individual Educational Program
IL	Independent Living
IM	Income Maintenance
IPP	Individual Program Plan
IQ	Intelligence Quotient
ISC	Individualized Study Center

J

JUSTICE	Judicial Users System To Improve Court Efficiency (computer system used by the courts)
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K

KVC	KVC Behavioral Healthcare (a lead agency)
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L

LB	Legislative Bill
LD	Learning Disability/Learning Disabled
LEP	Limited English Proficiency
LFS	Lutheran Family Services
LGH	Lincoln General Hospital
LOD	Lack of documentation
LRC	Lincoln Regional Center
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment

M

MA	Mental Age
MCRI	Meyer's Children's Rehabilitation Center
MH	Mental Health
MHC	Mental Health Center (e.g. Immanuel MHC)
MMI	Munroe Meyer Institute (university affiliated program)
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MOLD	Mothers & Offspring Living & Developing (York Prison Program)
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MR	Mentally Retardation
MSU	Medical Support Unit (Part of ENCOR residential program)
MSW	Master's Degree of Social Work

N

NA	Narcotics Anonymous
NAC	Nebraska Administrative Code
NACDC	Native American Community Development Corporation
NBR	Nebraska Boys Ranch
NCANDS	National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (federal)
NCCY	Nebraska Center for Children and Youth
NCH	Nebraska Children's Home
NDC	Nebraska Department of Corrections
NDSS	Nebraska Department of Social Services
NFC	Nebraska Families Collaborative (a lead agency)
NFCRC	National Foster Care Review Coalition
NFAPA	Nebraska Foster and Adoptive Parents Association
N-FOCUS	Nebraska Family Online Client User System (HHS computer system)
NOVA	New Options and Values Agency (alcohol treatment center)

O

OHA	Omaha Housing Authority
OHB	Omaha Home for Boys
OIC	Omaha Instructional Center
OPD	Omaha Police Department
OPS	Omaha Public Schools
OT	Occupational Therapy

P

P&S	Protection and Safety (also known at CPS)
PD	Public Defender
PKCC	Peter Kiewit Conference Center
PO	Probation Officer
PPR	Permanency Planning Review
PSW	Protective Services Worker
Psych	Psychological evaluation
PT	Physical Therapy

PTSD Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
PU Parents United

R

Rec Recommendation(s)
RFP Request for Proposal
RFQ Request for Qualifications
RTC Residential treatment center

S

SA Substance Abuse
SACWIS Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (federally required computer system)
SAMHSA Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (federal)
SC Service Coordinator
SOB State Office Building
SPED Special Education
SRS Student Record System
SS Social Security
SSA Social Security Administration (federal agency)
SSI Supplemental Security Income
STD Sexually Transmitted Diseases

T

TA Technical Assistance
TANF Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
TBI Traumatic Brain Injury
TLC Teaching and Learning With Children (part of YSS)
TMH Trainable Mentally Retarded
TPR Termination of Parental Rights
TPU Treatment Plan Update
TTD Telecommunication Device for Deaf/teletype
TX Treatment

U

UA Urinalysis
UCSS United Catholic Social Services
UNMC University Nebraska Medical Center

V

VNA Visiting Nurses Association
Voc Rehab Vocational Rehabilitation
VS Visitation Specialist

W

WIC	Women, Infant & Children Program
WICS	Women In Community Services (an individual program)

Y

YES	Youth Emergency Services
YRTC	Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers (Kearney & Geneva)
YSS	Youth Services System
YTD	Year to Date

Numbers

1	Adjudication Status 43-247 (1)—delinquent – misdemeanor
2	Adjudication Status 43-247 (2)—delinquent –felony
3a	Adjudication Status 43-247 (3a)—abused/neglected/dependant
3b	Adjudication Status 43-247 (3b)—status offender
3c	Adjudication Status 43-247 (3c)—mental health hold of a minor