

## Child Welfare Acronyms

- 504 Plan**     **The 504 Plan** is a plan developed to ensure that a child who has a disability identified under the law and is attending an elementary or secondary educational institution receives accommodations that will ensure their academic success and access to the learning environment.
- ACF**     **Administration for Children and Families**  
The federal agency that houses the Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).
- ADA**     **Assistant District Attorney**  
The Assistant District Attorney is responsible for assisting the District Attorney with administering the ongoing activities of the District Attorney's Office and assists in developing and implementing departmental goals and objectives within general policy guidelines.
- ADHD**     **Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder**  
One of the most common neurodevelopmental disorders of childhood. It is usually first diagnosed in childhood and often lasts into adulthood. Children with ADHD may have trouble paying attention, controlling impulsive behaviors (may act without thinking about what the result will be), or be overly active.
- ADJ**     **Adjudication**  
An adjudication hearing is held whether the children were removed or whether they stayed with their parents. At this hearing, the judge decides whether supervision is required and if they decide it is, where the child should live and what services are needed to help make things better.
- ALJ**     **Administrative Law Judge**  
A judicial officer who conducts hearings for an administrative agency.
- AOCS**     **Assessment of Child Safety**  
The systematic collection of information on threatening family conditions and current, significant, and clearly observable threats to the safety of the child or youth.
- AOR**     **Address of Record**  
An address for a party or a custodial person in the Central Case Registry of Oklahoma Child Support Services that is used for service of process in support, custody and visitation actions. An address of record is a public record and may be different from the party's or custodial person's physical address.

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- BIA**      **Bureau of Indian Affairs**  
The mission of the Bureau of Indian Affairs is to enhance the quality of life, to promote economic opportunity, and to carry out the responsibility to protect and improve the trust assets of American Indians, Indian tribes, and Alaska Natives.
- BP**      **Biological Parent (Birth Parent)**  
The father and mother whose DNA a child carries are usually called the child's biological parents.
- CANIS**      **Child Abuse and Neglect Information System**  
The Child Abuse and Neglect Information System, also known as KIDS, is a permanent, computerized record-keeping system maintained by Child Welfare Services
- CASA**      **Court Appointed Special Advocate**  
Specially trained community volunteers appointed by Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Judges to speak in the best interest of children who are brought before the court for reasons of abuse or neglect.
- CBHS**      **Child Behavioral Health Screener**  
A self-administered, 35-item tool used to identify cognitive, emotional, and behavioral problems in children and youth ages 4-16 years of age.
- CDIB**      **Certified Degree of Indian Blood**  
A Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood or Certificate of Degree of Alaska Native Blood is an official U.S. document that certifies an individual possesses a specific fraction of Native American ancestry of a federally recognized Indian tribe, band, nation, pueblo, village, or community.
- CHBS**      **Comprehensive Home-Based Services**  
This skill-building program teaches home safety, children's healthcare, effective parenting, increased parent-child relationships and effective budgeting and household management while building protective factors against future abuse. Referrals are made by Oklahoma Human Services.
- CP**      **Custodial Person (Custodian)**  
The person who has primary care, custody, and control of the child(ren) and is therefore entitled to child support on the child(ren)'s behalf. A custodial person could be the state in juvenile or child welfare cases. Sometimes called a Custodial Party.

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- CPI**      **The Child Placement Interview (CPI)** is a live, strength-based interview that is completed by the child's worker when placement is needed. It is encouraged to have the child joint the call when possible, so the voice of the youth is heard. There is a document that is completed that is the Child Placement Interview.
- CPG**      **Case Plan Goal**  
Case planning is about identifying the actions required to achieve stability and security for the child or young person in care.
- CPS**      **Child Protective Services**  
Provided through Oklahoma Department of Human Services to identify, treat and prevent child abuse and neglect.
- CSM**      **Child Safety Meeting**  
A collaborative decision-making process for determining the child's needs and the best intervention strategy to meet the child's safety needs.
- CT**      **Case Transfer**  
When a case is transferred to another Case Worker of Department
- CW**      **Child Welfare**  
Child welfare is a continuum of services designed to ensure that children are safe and that families have the necessary support to care for their children successfully.
- CWS**      **Child Welfare Specialist**  
Child welfare specialists work to ensure that our children in Oklahoma live in safe, supportive homes free from the dangers of abuse and neglect. These compassionate, self-motivated professionals help fulfill the mission of Oklahoma's largest state agency.
- DA**      **District Attorney**  
Elected officials within the districts of a state who generally represent the state in criminal matters. District attorneys are responsible for bringing the case before the court. In the context of child welfare, the DA reviews reports regarding child abuse or neglect investigations. Additionally, they submit the petition to the court and participate in hearings. They are involved in the case until permanency is achieved.
- DD**      **District Director**  
The state is divided into five regions, supervised by a regional director. At the district level, the chain of command is Child Welfare specialist, Child Welfare supervisor, District Director, Regional Deputy Director.

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<b>DCN</b>	<b>Department Client Number</b> (OKDHS case participant identification number) - A unique identification number assigned to an Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS) customer. The DCN follows the customer throughout DHS.
<b>DDS</b>	<b>Developmental Disabilities Services</b> Serves persons ages 3 and up who have a primary diagnosis of intellectual disabilities.
<b>DISPO</b>	<b>Dispositional Hearing</b> A legal proceeding in the juvenile deprived case for when the Individual Service Plan (ISP) is being court ordered.
<b>DMDD</b>	<b>Disruptive Mood Dysregulation Disorder</b> A condition in which children or adolescents experience ongoing irritability, anger, and frequent, intense temper outbursts.
<b>DOB</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b> The date recorded on a child's birth certificate documenting their birth.
<b>DOC</b>	<b>Difficulty of Care</b> Payments representing compensation for providing additional care for "qualified foster individuals" if the payments are required because of the physical, mental, or emotional handicap of the individual and the state has determined that there is a need for the additional foster care reimbursement.
<b>DV</b>	<b>Domestic Violence</b> Violence committed by someone in the victim's domestic circle. This includes partners and ex-partners, immediate family members, other relatives and family friends. The term 'domestic violence' is used when there is a close relationship between the offender and the victim.
<b>EFC</b>	<b>Enhanced Foster Care</b> Enhanced Foster Care (EFC) is a service category within the Continuum of Care developed to respond to the complex behavioral, medical, developmental, and mental health needs of children in custody. EFC provides individualized services and supports based on a child's specific needs along with coordination/collaboration of services between providers.
<b>FC/A</b>	<b>Foster Care and Adoptions</b>

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<b>FCAO</b>	<b>Foster Care Association of Oklahoma</b> Mission: To improve the lives of children by empowering foster and adoptive families through support, connection, and advocacy. FCAO also matches a foster parent mentor to all new DHS traditional foster families.
<b>FCASC</b>	<b>Foster Care and Adoption Support Center</b> Provides information related to foster care and adoptive services. The support center is accessed by calling 1-800-376-9729, emailing <a href="mailto:fcasupportcenter@okdhs.org">fcasupportcenter@okdhs.org</a> or by visiting <a href="http://www.okfosters.org">www.okfosters.org</a> .
<b>FCS</b>	<b>Family Centered Services</b> OKDHS Child Welfare Services prevention program. FCS provides services to families who come to the attention of child welfare without the child being removed from the home and the case becoming court involved.
<b>FDC</b>	<b>Family Drug Court</b> The program works to provide <b>treatment</b> and accountability to parents with substance use disorders by offering access to <b>treatment</b> and recovery.
<b>FH</b>	<b>Foster Home</b> A temporary service provided by States for children who cannot live with their families. Children in foster care may live with relatives or with unrelated foster parents.
<b>FP</b>	<b>Foster Parent</b> An adult approved by the state to care for a foster child(ren). Most foster parents provide temporary care after a child is removed from their home to due to their parent or guardian's abuse, neglect, or inability to provide adequate care.
<b>FTM</b>	<b>Family Team Meeting</b> The FM's purpose is to facilitate planning, <b>team</b> decision-making, and engaging the <b>family</b> of the child in Oklahoma Department of Human Services custody.
<b>GAL</b>	<b>Guardian ad Litem</b> A person appointed by a court to look after and protect the interests of someone who is unable to take care of themselves.
<b>GH</b>	<b>Group Home</b> A group home is a congregate living facility where children or teens are placed on a short-term basis.

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- HTS**      **Habilitation Training Specialist**  
Works specifically with individuals with a cognitive disorder or low IQ.
- ICPC**      **Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children**  
The Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children is a law across all 50 states, the District of Columbia and US Virgin Islands that governs placement of children and teens into a new placement from one state to another. The process requires that certain requirements must be met by the state sending and the state receiving the child/teen prior to the move. Its purpose is to assure that children/teens will be placed in a safe, approved home and that needed services, financial supports, medical insurance, and other resources are in place prior to the move.
- ICWA**      **Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978**  
Federal legislation that seeks to keep Native American children with Native American families. ICWA redefined the jurisdiction of Native American tribes in custody proceedings involving Native American children in matters of adoption, voluntary and involuntary termination of parental rights, and foster care placement and removal. ICWA gives tribal governments sole jurisdiction over states when the child is domiciled on the reservation and concurrent, but presumptive, jurisdiction over non-reservation Native Americans' custody proceedings.
- IEP**      **Individualized Education Plan**  
An Individualized Education Program is a legal document under United States law that is developed for each public-school child in the U.S. who needs special education. It is created through a team of the child's parent and district personnel who are knowledgeable about the child's needs.
- IHS**      **Indian Health Services**  
A division with the Department of Health and Human Services responsible for providing medical and public health services to federally recognized Tribes. IHS coverage is considered adequate health coverage and additional medical coverage is not required.
- IL**      **Independent Living**  
This program offers an array of services offered to youth that are at least 14 years of age to prepare them to live independently such as employment, education, finances, life skills and more!

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<b>ISP</b>	<b>Individualized Service Plan</b> The ISP is based upon a comprehensive assessment and evaluation of the child and family and is developed with the participation of the child, when appropriate, and the child's parent, legal guardian, legal custodian, attorney, guardian ad litem, and tribe, when applicable. The health and safety of the child is the paramount concern in the ISP development.
<b>ITS</b>	<b>Intensive Treatment Services</b> Contracted residential ITS are available to provide crisis stabilization interventions to children in Oklahoma Human Services (OKDHS) or tribal custody, 8 to 18 years of age, who are experiencing a behavioral health or psychiatric crisis. ITS are available to avoid admission to psychiatric care and enable the child's return to community-based residential care.
<b>ITFC</b>	<b>Intensive Treatment Family Care</b> The Intensive Treatment Family Care (ITFC) program provides treatment for children aged 6-18 who have experienced multiple placements in various settings but can be successfully served in a family setting.
<b>JD</b>	<b>Juvenile Deprived</b> Court Case Number for the child/teen's case
<b>KIDS</b>	<b>KIDS (eKIDS)</b> is the online child welfare information system where information about the children and families that are served by Oklahoma Human Services is collected and stored. Numerous reports are drawn from this system for local, state, and federal uses.
<b>KK</b>	<b>Kids Kase</b> Case number for family in KIDS information system
<b>LGBTQ</b>	<b>Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer</b> These terms are used to describe a person's sexual orientation or gender identity.
<b>MDT</b>	<b>Multidisciplinary Team</b> A multidisciplinary team or MDT for short is simply a diverse group of professionals working together. The MDT would aim to deliver person-centered and coordinated care and support for the person with care needs.
<b>MEDICAID</b>	<b>Medical Assistance Program (Title XIX of the Social Security Act)</b>

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Medical assistance provided under a state plan approved under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, codified in [Subchapter XIX of Chapter 7 of Title 42 of the United States Code](#) (Link opens in new window). Children in Oklahoma receive Medicaid under the SoonerCare program.

### **MEDICARE Medical Care Program (Title XVIII of the Social Security Act)**

Medicare is federal health insurance for people 65 or older, some younger people with disabilities, people with End-Stage Renal Disease.

### **MDD Major Depressive Disorder**

Also called clinical depression. It affects how you feel, think, and behave and can lead to a variety of emotional and physical problems.

### **NICU Neonatal Intensive Care Unit**

The NICU is a nursery in a hospital that provides around-the-clock care to sick or preterm babies. It has health care providers who have special training and equipment to give the baby the best possible care.

### **ODD Oppositional defiant disorder**

ODD is a type of disruptive behavior disorder in which children frequently defy authority with hostility, leading to serious disturbances in their daily life.

### **ODOC Oklahoma Department of Corrections**

DOC is responsible for the administration of the state prison system.

### **OHCA Oklahoma Health Care Authority**

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority is an agency of the government of Oklahoma responsible for providing health insurance benefits for the state's SoonerCare members. The authority is the state-level counterpart to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

### **OJA Office of Juvenile Affairs (Oklahoma Agency)**

The Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs is an agency of the state of Oklahoma headquartered in Oklahoma City that is responsible for planning and coordinating statewide juvenile justice and delinquency prevention services. OJA is also responsible for operating juvenile correctional facilities in the State.

### **OKDHS Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS)**

The state agency in Oklahoma created to administer and promote social services benefiting the general welfare, protection and security of the people of Oklahoma. Examples of programs within DHS are Temporary



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Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Medicaid, Foster Care, Child Care Subsidy and Licensing and Child Support Services.

- OKSA**      **Oklahoma Successful Adulthood**  
The Oklahoma Successful Adulthood Program focuses on our teen population and seeks to: promote the importance of early planning for one's future; develop each individual's innate strengths; promote the concept of permanent connections; ensure transition of young people ages 14-21 from state custody to self-sufficiency and successful adult living.
- OOH**      **Out of Home**  
Out-of-home care is a court-monitored process that encompasses the placements and services provided to children and families when children are removed from their home due to abuse and/or neglect.
- OOSP**      **Out of Home Safety Plan**  
A written agreement between the family and DHS that describes what safety threats exist and how the safety threats will be managed and controlled.
- OS**      **Oklahoma Statutes**  
Oklahoma Legislature's Website where you can follow the introduction of bills, committee actions, and votes on the bills.
- OSBI**      **Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation**  
The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation is an independent state law enforcement agency of the government of Oklahoma. The OSBI assists the county sheriff offices and city police departments of the state and is the primary investigative agency of the state government.
- OSCN**      **Oklahoma Supreme Court Network**  
Oklahoma State Supreme Court information network is an online resource with information about all courts in Oklahoma.
- PARB**      **Post Adjudication Review Board**  
A PARB is composed of at least five volunteers (members) who live or work within a local judicial district. The volunteer board members have a desire to help our children create a brighter future for themselves. The volunteers are appointed by the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY) through the recommendation of a local judge with the juvenile court responsibility. The primary responsibility of a PARB is to be an advocate for children who live within the local PARB's judicial district. In addition, the PARB reviews encourage interagency coordination and cooperation.

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<b>PAS</b>	<b>Post Adoption Services</b> Local and national resources available for families navigating the life of adoption. To contact post adoption email CWS.PostAdoptionHelp@okdhs.org or call (405) 521-2475.
<b>PL</b>	<b>Placement Line</b> Completes a live interview with the child's caseworker and the child (if available) to gather needed information for placement. After completion of the interview, the child Placement Interview is sent to the regional placement team (RPT) in the region where the child's case judicially resides.
<b>PP</b>	<b>Permanency Planning</b> The process of assessing and preparing a child for long term care when in out-of-home placements such as kinship, foster care, or institutions.
<b>PTSD</b>	<b>Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder</b> PTSD is a disorder that develops in some people who have experienced a shocking, scary, or dangerous event. It is natural to feel afraid during and after a traumatic situation. Fear is a part of the body's "fight-or-flight" response, which helps us avoid or respond to potential danger.
<b>QRTP</b>	<b>Qualified Residential Treatment Program</b> A congregate care facility that provides intensive therapeutic services such as individual counseling, group counseling, psychiatric services, family therapy, substance abuse treatment, 24-hour supervision, etc. for children and teens requiring crisis stabilization and/or long-term treatment.
<b>RAD</b>	<b>Reactive Attachment Disorder</b> RAD is a condition where a child doesn't form healthy emotional bonds with their caretakers (parental figures), often because of emotional neglect or abuse at an early age. Children with RAD have trouble managing their emotions.
<b>RFP</b>	<b>Resource Family Partner</b> RFP foster care services are provided by a private, licensed child-placing agency that contracts with OKDHS to meet the child's foster care needs through service coordination and delivery in conjunction with OKDHS.
<b>RPT</b>	<b>Regional Placement Team</b>

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RPTs will process placement requests after receiving them from the placement line. They will then review the Child Placement Interview, then start conducting searches for placement.

<b>Show Cause</b>	<b>Emergency Show Cause Hearing</b> Requires that within two judicial days after a child is taken into emergency or protective custody as an alleged deprived child, the child's parent, legal guardian, or custodian is entitled to an emergency custody hearing, and thereafter at such intervals as determined by the court.
<b>SNAP</b>	<b>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program</b> SNAP provides nutrition benefits to supplement the food budget of needy families so they can purchase healthy food and move towards self-sufficiency. This program was previously called, "Food Stamps".
<b>SP</b>	<b>Safety Plan</b> A written agreement between the family and DHS that describes what safety threats exist and how the safety threats will be managed and controlled.
<b>SPM</b>	<b>Safety Plan Monitor</b> Each safety plan requires a safety plan monitor who helps ensure the safety plan is followed and the children remain safe. Safety plans may involve the children staying in the home of the safety plan monitor for a period.
<b>STAR Program</b>	<b>Sexualized Trauma Abuse Recovery Program</b> The INTEGRIS STAR program provides both acute and residential treatment for boys and girls ages 5 through 14 who have experienced sexual abuse.
<b>TANF</b>	<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (formerly AFDC)</b> Time-limited public assistance payments based on Title IV-A of the Social Security Act. TANF replaced Aid to Families with Dependent Children when the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) was signed into law in 1996. The program provides parents with job preparation, work, and support services to help them become self-sufficient. Applicants for TANF benefits are automatically referred to their state or tribal child support agency in order to establish paternity and child support for their children from the noncustodial parent. This allows the state or tribe to recoup or defray some of its public assistance expenditures with funds from the noncustodial parent.
<b>TBRI</b>	<b>Trust Based Relational Intervention</b> TBRI is an attachment-based, trauma-informed intervention that is designed to meet the complex needs of vulnerable children. Caregivers

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can obtain training on TBRI to learn to utilize these therapeutic strategies in their home.

- TFC**      **Therapeutic Foster Care**  
TFC is designed to serve children ages 3 to 18 with special psychological, social, behavioral and emotional needs who can accept and respond to the close relationships within a family setting, but whose special needs require more intensive or therapeutic services than are found in traditional foster care.
- TPR**      **Termination of Parental Rights**  
TPR ends 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.
- UA**      **Urinalysis (urine drug screen)**  
A urinalysis is a test of your urine.
- WIC**      **Women, Infants and Children**  
The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) provides federal grants to states for supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children up to age 5 who are found to be at nutritional risk. Foster children receiving Medicaid benefits are eligible for WIC.  
<https://oklahoma.gov/health/services/children-family-health/wic.html>
- WPC**      **Written Plan of Compliance**  
A Written Plan of Compliance (WPC) could be necessary following an investigative finding or after a policy violation or concern has been identified in a foster home and needs to be corrected for the foster home to continue to be used.