



CWS Acronyms

Government is renowned for its “alphabet soup”.

This listing is provided to assist in learning & deciphering

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Acronym	Description
AA	Alcoholics Anonymous
AA (I, II, III)	Administrative Assistant
AAP	Adoption Assistance Program
AB12	Assembly Bill 12 – Extended Foster Care
ACE	Adverse Childhood Experiences
ACIN	All County Information Notice
ACL	All County Letter
ACWDL	All County Welfare Directors Letters
APS	Adult Protective Services
AR	Authorized Representative
ASIST	Active Supportive Intervention Services for Transition
AYC	About Your Child
BAG	Background Assessment Guide (RFA)
BH or BHS	Behavioral Health / Behavioral Health Services
BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs
CACI	Child Abuse Central Index
CAIT	Child Abuse Interview Team
CAPIT	Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment
CAPPT	Child Abuse Prevention Planning Team
CAPSLO	Community Action Partnership of SLO County
CASA	Court Appointed Special Advocates

Acronym	Description
CBO	Community Based Organization
CBT	Community Based Team (SAFE) Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
CCL	Community Care Licensing
CCP	Coordinated Case Plan
CCRC	Child Care Resource Connection
CCS	California Children's Services
CDHS	California Department of Health Services
CDSS	California Department of Social Services
CF	Cal Fresh
C-CFSR	California - Child and Family Services Review (duplicate)
CFT	Child and Family Team
CHDP	Child Health & Disability Prevention
CIN	Client Identification Number
CJIS	California Justice Information System
CLETS	California Law Enforcement Telecommunication System
CMS	Case Management System (Refer to CWS/CMS)
COCO	County Counsel
CORI	Criminal Offender Record Information
CP	Custodial Parent
CPS	Child Passenger Safety
CSEC	Criminal Sexual Exploitation of Children
CSN	Children's Services Network
CVA	Coastal Valley Academy
CWD	County Welfare Department

Acronym	Description
CWDA	County Welfare Directors Association
CWS	Child Welfare Services
CWS/CMS	Child Welfare Services/Case Management System
CYA	California Youth Authority
CYC	California Youth Connection
DA	District Attorney
DAS	Drug and Alcohol Services
DD	Deputy Director
DDS	Department of Developmental Services
DHCS	Department of Health Care Services
DHHS	Department of Health & Human Services
DI	Dependency Investigations
DM	Division Manager
DOJ	Department of Justice
DPO	Deputy Probation Officer
DR	Differential Response (includes Path I, II, and III)
DSS	Department of Social Services
DV	Domestic Violence
EBP	Evidence Based Practice Evidence Based Program
EBT	Electronic Benefits Transfer
ECHO	El Camino Homeless Organization
EFC	Extended Foster Care
EIP	Early Intervention Program
EO	Evaluate Out

Acronym	Description
EOPS	Extended Opportunity Program and Services
EPP	Expectant Parent Payment
ER	Emergency Response
ERH	Educational Rights Holder
ERS (I, II, III, IV)	Employment Resource Specialist
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FC	Foster Care
FCNI	Family Care Network, Inc.
FFA	Foster Family Agency
FFP	Federal Financial Participation
FFPS	Family First Prevention Services Program
FFPSA	Family First Prevention Services Act
FKCE	Foster and Kinship Care Education
FM	Family Maintenance
FR	Family Reunification
FRC	Family Resource Center
FSNA	Family Strengths & Needs Assessment
FTC	Family Treatment Court
FYEL	Foster Youth Education Liaison
FYSCP	Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program
HASLO	Housing Authority of SLO
HCBS	Home & Community Based Services
HEP	Health and Education Plan
HV	Home Visit

Acronym	Description
IBS	Individualized Behavioral Services
ICAMA	Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance
ICC	Intensive Care Coordination
ICPC	Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children
ICT	Inter-County Transfer
ICWA	Indian Child Welfare Act
IPC	Interagency Placement Committee
IEP	Individualized Educational Plan
IHBS	In-Home Behavioral Services
IHSS	In-Home Supportive Services
ILP	Independent Living Program
ISFC	Intensive Services Foster Care
JURIS DISPO	Jurisdictional Disposition (hearing)
JCS	Juvenile Court System
JDM	Juvenile Dependency Mediation
JJC	Juvenile Justice Commission
JSC	Juvenile Services Center
JSO	Juvenile Services Officer
Kin-GAP	Kinship Guardian Assistance Payment (Program)
LDA	Legally Designated Address
LG	Legal Guardian
LOC	Level of Care
LP	Legal Processing
MC	Medi-Cal

Acronym	Description
MDT	Multi-Disciplinary Team
MFT	Marriage & Family Therapist
MH	Mental Health
MHSA	Mental Health Services Act
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPP	Manual of Policies and Procedures
NA	Narcotics Anonymous
NCP	Non-Custodial Parent
NMD	Non-Minor Dependent
NOA	Notice of Action
NNR	Non-Needy Relative
NR	Needy Relative
NRLG	Non-Related Legal Guardian
NREFM	Non-Related Extended Family Member
OCAP	Office of Child Abuse Prevention (State)
OFR	Options for Recovery (CWS)
PC	Protective Custody Penal Code
PH	Public Health
PHN	Public Health Nurse
PM	Program Manager
PO	Probation Officer
PP	Permanency Planning
PPLA	Planned Permanent Living Arrangement
PPM	Professional Parent Model

Acronym	Description
POEG	Perinatal Outpatient Extended Group
PQCR	Peer Quality Case Review
PRS	Program Review Specialist
PS	Participant Services
PSP	Parenting Support Program
PTSD	Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
PV	Parole (or Probation) Violation
QA	Quality Assurance
QI	Qualified Individual
QPI	Quality Parenting Initiative
QRTP	Qualified Residential Treatment Program
RFA	Resource Family Approval
ROI	Release of Information
RSDI	Retirement, Survivors, Disability & Insurance
SAC	Supervising Administration Clerk
SAFE	Services Affirming Family Empowerment
SARB	School Attendance Review Board
SARP	Sexual Assault Recovery & Prevention Center
SART	Suspected Abuse Response Team
SB	Senate Bill
SCAR	Suspected Child Abuse Report
SCI	Specialized Care Increment
SD	Staff Development
SDM – CWS	Structured Decision Making (for SW use)

Acronym	Description
SED	Seriously Emotionally Disturbed
SELPA	Special Education Local Planning Agency
SILP	Supervised Independent Living Placement
SLA	Shared Living Agreement
SLOCOE	San Luis Obispo County Office of Education
SOP	Safety Organized Practice
SRO	School Resource Officer
SSB	Safely Surrendered Baby (Act)
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
SSN	Social Security Number
STRTP	Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program
SW/SWS	Social Worker/Social Worker Supervisor
SWA	Social Worker Aid
TAYFAP	Transitional Aid Youth Financial Assistance Program
TBRI	Trauma Based Relational Interventions
TBS	Therapeutic Behavioral Services
TCRC	Tri Counties Regional Center
TDM	Team Decision Making
TFC	Therapeutic Foster Care
THP-M	Transitional Housing Program - Minor
THP-NMD	Transitional Housing Program – Non Minor Dependent
THP-Plus	Transitional Housing Program – Plus (County Specific Program)
TILP	Transitional Independent Living Plan
TRO	Temporary Restraining Order
USCIS	United States Citizenship & Immigration Service

Acronym	Description
WIC	Welfare and Institutions Code
WRAP	Wraparound Services
WTW	Welfare to Work
YEP	Youth Engagement Program
YTP	Youth Treatment Program
YTR	Youth Transition Report