Commonly used DCS acronyms

A
AA – adoption assistance
AACWA - Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980
A&D – alcohol and drug
ACCWIC – Atlantic Coast Child Welfare Implementation Center
ACA – American Correctional Association
ACF – Administration for Children and Families
ACLSA – Ansell Casey Life Skills Assessment
ACV – alleged child victim
ADA – Americans with Disabilities ACT
ADD – attention deficit disorder
ADHD – attention deficit disorder with hyperactivity
AFCARS - Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System
AFDC – Aid to Families with Dependent Children
AG – attorney general
AIDS - acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
AP - alleged perpetrator
APS - adult protective services
ASFA – Adoption and Safe Families Act
AWOL – absent without leave

B
BHO – behavioral health organization
BIP – behavior intervention plan
BPR – Board of Professional Responsibility
BTA – baseline target actual

C
CAC - Child Advocacy Center
CANS - Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths
CAPTA – Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act
CASA – court appointed special advocate
CBT – computer-based training
CFSR – child and family service review
CFTM – child and family team meeting
CM – case manager
CIP – court improvement program
CIR – Critical Incident Report
CIRT – Center for Intensive Residential Treatment
CIT – crisis intervention team
CLE – continuing legal education
CMV – cytomegalovirus
CO – Central Office
COA – Council on Accreditation
COE – Center of Excellence
CPIT – child protective investigative team
CPR – case process review
CPS – child protective services
CQI – continuous quality improvement
CRI – Children’s Rights, Inc.
CRP – community residential program
CSA – Community Services Agency
CSLA – children in special living arrangements
CSO – children’s services officer
CWB – child welfare benefits
CWLA – Child Welfare League of America
CY – calendar year

D
D – date of birth
D&I – diagnostic and intervention
DA – district attorney
D&N – dependent and neglected
DCS – Department of Children’s Services
DEA – Drug Enforcement Agency
DHS – Department of Human Services
DIDD – Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
DMRS – Division of Mental Retardation Services
DNA – deoxyribonucleic acid
DNR – do not resuscitate
DOB – date of birth
DOC – Department of Correction
DOE – Department of Education
DOHR – Department of Human Resources
DPA – direct purchase authority
DMS-IV – Diagnostic and Statistical Manual for Mental Disorders

E
ED – emotionally disturbed
EAP – Employee Assistance Program
EFC – Extension of Foster Care
EPSDT – early periodic screening, diagnosis and treatment
ERP – emergency response plan
ETV - Education and Training Vouchers

F
F&A – Department of Finance and Administration
FAFSA – Free Application Federal Student Aid
FAPE – free appropriate public education
FAST – Family Advocacy and Support Tool
FAQ – frequently asked questions
FBA – functional behavior assessment
FC – foster care
FCIP – family crisis intervention program
FCRB – foster care review board
FF – flex funds
FFA – Family Functional Assessment
FHACP – Foster Home and Child Placement
FLSA – Fair Labor Standards Act
FSA – field system administrator
FSS – family support services
FSTM – family service team meeting
FSW – family service worker
FTT – failure to thrive
FY – fiscal year
FYI – for your information
G
GAF – Global Assessment of Functioning
GED – General Education Diploma

H
HCCM – home county case manager
HIPAA – Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996

I
IA – Internal Affairs
IAP – individualized accommodation plan
IC – Investigator Coordinator
ICE – Immigration and Customs Enforcement
ICJ – Interstate Compact on Juveniles
ICPC – Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children
ICWA – Indian Child Welfare Act
IDEA – Individuals with Disabilities Act
IE – immediate eligibility
IEP – individualized education plan/program
IEPA – Inter-Ethnic Place Act
IL – Independent Living
IPA – immediate protection agreement
IPP – individual program plan
IR – information resources
IRB – Institutional Review Board
IS – information systems
ISM – information systems management
IV-D – section of federal Social Security Act
IV-E – section of federal Social Security Act

J
JJ – juvenile justice
JCCO – juvenile court commitment order
JJDPA – Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act

K
KER – kinship exception request
L
LDI – legally defensible interviewing
LEA – local education agency
LEP – limited English proficiency
LI – Lead Investigator
LRE – least restrictive environment
LTPA – long-term placement agreement

M
MCO – managed care organization
MD – manifestation determination
MEPA – Multi-Ethnic Placement Act of 1994
MR – mentally retarded

N
NACC – National Association of Counsel for Children
NCPP – Non-Custodial Permanency Plan
NCAC – National Child Advocacy Centers
NOA – notice of action

O
OIA – other involved adult
OIC – other involved child
O&A – observation and assessment
OIG – Office of the Inspector General
OIR – Office of Information Resources
OJJDP – Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
OJT – on-the-job training
OSHA – Occupational Safety and Health Administration
OT – occupational therapy

P
P2E – Path to Excellence
PAR – program accountability review
PATH – Parents as Tender Healers
PCP – primary care provider
PD – public defender
PDU – Policy Development Unit
PER – placement exemption request
PIP – program improvement plan
POA – power of attorney
PP – private provider
PPLA – planned permanency living arrangement
PQI – Performance and Quality Improvement
PREA – Prison Rape Elimination Act
PT – physical therapy
PTSD – post-traumatic stress disorder

Q
QSR - quality service review

R
R&D – research and development
RA – regional administrator
RAC – residential appeals committee
RAD – reactive attachment disorder
REACT – Resource Exchange for Adoptable Children in Tennessee
RFP – request for proposals
RGC – regional general counsel
RID – Regional Investigations Director
R/O – rule out
ROCM – risk-oriented case management
RSV – respiratory syncytial virus

S
SACWIS – State Automated Child Welfare Information System
SAT – services and appeals tracking
SDM – Structured Decision Making
SEA – State Education Agency
SED – seriously emotionally disturbed
SIR – serious incident report
SIU – Special Investigations Unit
SPG – Subsidized Permanent Guardianship
SPMI – seriously and persistently mentally ill
SSA - Social Security Administration
SSI – supplemental security income
SSMS - Social Services Management System
STM - support team meeting

T
TAC – Technical Assistance Committee
TANF – Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
TBI – Tennessee Bureau of Investigation
TC – team coordinator
TCA – Tennessee Code Annotated
TCCY – Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth
TCSES – Tennessee Child Support Enforcement System
TDM – team decision making
TEIS – Tennessee Early Intervention Services
TFACTS – Tennessee Family and Child Tracking System
TFBC – Trauma Focus-Cognitive Behavior Therapy
THP – trial home placement
THV – trial home visit
TIES – TN Info Exchange System
TIPS – Tennessee Infant Parent Services
TL – team leader
TPR – termination of parental rights
TRCP – Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure
TRJP – Tennessee Rules of Juvenile Procedure
TSR – telecommunications service request

U
UAPA – Uniform Administrative Procedures Act
UCA – unique care agreement
UCCJEA – Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act
UR – utilization review

V
VAP – voluntary acknowledgement of paternity
VPN – virtual private network
VVCO – violation of a valid court order
VPA – voluntary placement agreement
Y
YDC – youth development center
YFIA – Youth and Family Intervention Agreement
YSO – youth services officer