

Child Welfare Services (CWS) Acronyms

*Note that each county may have acronyms that are unique and specific to them, which are not included in this general list.

CWS Acronyms	
AA/NA	Alcoholics Anonymous/Narcotics Anonymous
AAP	Adoptions Assistance Program
AB	Assembly Bill
ACIN	All-County Information Notice
ACL	All-County Letter
AFCARS	Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System
AFDC-FC	Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care
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
BOS	Board of Supervisors
BFH	Bringing Families Home
CAC	Children's Advocacy Center
CACI	Child Abuse Central Index
CalWORKs	California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids

CWS Acronyms	
CANS	Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths
CANRA	Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act
CARES	California Automated Response and Engagement System
CASA	Court-Appointed Special Advocate
CBP	Customs and Border Protection
CBT	Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
C-CFSR	California Child and Family Services Review
CCL	Community Care Licensing
CCR	Continuum of Care Reform
CDSS	California Department of Social Services
CEL	Centralized Child Care Eligibility
CFT	Child and Family Team
CFTM	Child and Family Team Meeting
CHDP	Child Health and Disability Prevention
CIR	Critical Incident Report
CLETS	California Law Enforcement Telecommunication System
CMS	Case Management Services
COJ	County of Jurisdiction
COP	Change of Placement
COR	County of Residence
COR	Custodian of Records
CORI	Criminal Offender Record Information (Rap Sheet)
CP	Case Plan
CQI	Continuous Quality Improvement
CS	Continuing Services

CWS Acronyms	
CSA	County Self-Assessment
CSEC	Commercially Sexually-Exploited Child(ren)
CSNA	Child Strengths and Needs Assessment
CWDA	County Welfare Directors Association of California
CWS	Child Welfare Services
CWS/CMS	Child Welfare Services/Case Management System
CY	Calendar Year
CYPM	Crossover Youth Practice Model
DA	District Attorney
DAP	Documented Alternative Plan
DEI	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
DHR	Detention Hearing Report
DIF	Desarrollo Integral de la Familia (Mexico's version of CWS)
DOB	Date of Birth
DOJ	Department of Justice
DOR	Department of Rehabilitation
DV	Domestic Violence
EA	Emergency Assistance
EFC	Extended Foster Care
EO	Evaluate Out
EPSDT	Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment
ER	Emergency Response
ERD	Emergency Response Document
ERFA	Emergency Resource Family Approval
ESC	Emergency Shelter Care

CWS Acronyms

FCM	Family-Centered Meeting
FEE	Family Engagement Efforts
FFA	Foster Family Agency
FFP	Federal Financial Participation
FFPSA	Family First Prevention Services Act
FGC	Family Group Conference/Conferencing
FIT	Family Integrated Treatment Program
FM	Family Maintenance
FMV	Family Maintenance - Voluntary
FPRRS	Foster Parent Recruitment and Retention Services
FR	Family Reunification
FRC	Family Recovery Center
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
GR	General Relief
HEP	Health and Education Passport
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HT	Human Trafficking

CWS Acronyms	
ICAMA	Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance
ICE	Immigration and Customs Enforcement (formerly INS)
ICPC	Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children
ICPM	Integrated Core Practice Model
ICWA	Indian Child Welfare Act
IEP	Individualized Education Plan/Program
ILS/ILP	Independent Living Skills/Independent Living Skills Program
ILT	Interagency Leadership Team
IPV	Intimate Partner Violence
IRS	Immediate Response Services
IS	Initial Services
ISFC	Intensive Services Foster Care
J/D	Jurisdictional/Dispositional Report
JDO	Juvenile Detention Order
LE	Law Enforcement
LFH	Licensed Foster Home
LGH	Licensed Group Home
LGBTQ+	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Transgender Questioning
LOC	Level of Care
LOCP	Level of Care Protocol
LPS	Lanterman Petris Short Act
LTFC	Long-Term Foster Care (replaced by APPLA)
MC	Medi-Cal
MDT	Multidisciplinary Team
ME	Medical Examiner

CWS Acronyms

MHS	Mental Health Services
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MR, M/R	Mandated Reporter
MSW	Master Of Social Work
NAH	Native American Heritage
NAT	Non-Accidental Trauma
NMD	Nonminor Dependent
NOA	Notice of Action
NREFM	Non-Relative Extended Family Member
NYTD	National Youth in Transition Database
OOO	Out of Office
OOC	Out of County
PC	Penal Code
PCWTA	Public Child Welfare Training Academy
PGP	Preferred Gender Pronoun
PHI	Personal Health Information
PHN	Public Health Nurse
PII	Personal Identifying Information
PO	Probation Officer
PP	Permanent Placement/Permanent Plan
PPH	Permanency Planning Hearing
PPPS	Pre-Placement Preventative Services
PT	Presumptive Transfer
PRA	Public Records Act

CWS Acronyms

PRUCOL	Permanent Residence Under Color of Law
PSC	Pre-Trial Settlement Conference
PCW	Protective Custody Warrants
QI	Qualified Individual
QPI	Quality Parenting Initiative
RCL	Rate Classification Level
RCW	Residential Care Worker
RF	Resource Family
RFA	Resource Family Approval
RFP	Request for Proposal
RFSQ	Request for Statement of Qualifications
RHA	Relative Home Approval
RP	Reporting Party
SA	Sexual Abuse
SA	Safety Assessment
SARB	School Attendance Review Board
SART	Sexual Assault Response Team
SAS	Substance Abuse Specialist
SAT	Substance Abuse Treatment
SB	Senate Bill
SCP	Substitute Care Provider
SCO	Settlement Conference
SDM	Structured Decision Making
SED	Severely Emotionally Disturbed
SELPA	Special Education Local Plan Areas

CWS Acronyms

SIJS	Special Immigrant Juvenile Status
SILP	Supervised Independent Living Plan
SIP	System Improvement Plan
SMHS	Specialty Mental Health Services
SOGIE	Sexual Orientation, Gender, Identity and Expression
SOP	Safety Organized Practice
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSI	Supplemental Security Insurance
SSN	Social Security Number
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
TAH	Tribally Approved Home
TAY	Transition Aged Youth
TCA	Tribal Customary Adoption
TDM	Team Decision Making
TFC	Therapeutic Foster Care
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

CWS Acronyms

TILP	Transitional Independent Living Plan
TSCF	Temporary Shelter Care Facility
TYH	Transitional Youth Housing Program
UHV	Unannounced Home Visit
VOC	Victims of Crime
VS	Voluntary Services
WD	Written Directives
W&I Code	Welfare and Institutions Code
WIC	Welfare and Institutions Code
WIC	Women, Infants, and Children program