

Key Acronyms

Abusive Head Trauma

Formerly called shaken baby syndrome. Can cause permanent neurological damage, and has a high mortality rate as high as 30%. Traditionally characterized by the diagnostic triad of encephalopathy, subdural hematoma, and retinal hemorrhage, but there are other serious injuries that are commonly seen, as well.

Active Efforts

(as opposed to merely reasonable) efforts to provide remedial services and rehabilitative programs to prevent the family's break up under ICWA.

APA: Adoption Placement Agreement

An agreement specifying the terms of adoption support that CYFD offers an adopting family.

ADD: Attention Deficit Disorder

ADHD: Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder

AFDC: Aid to Families with Dependent Children

ALTSD: Aging and Long Term Services Department

AOC: Administrative Office of the Courts

ASFA: Adoption and Safe Families Act

Adoption and Safe Families Act: passed by the U.S. Congress in 1997, now codified in Title IV-E of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §670 et seq, establishing procedural and substantive requirements that States must meet in order to ensure federal financial assistance to a State's child welfare system. These requirements include threshold court findings - "contrary to welfare" and "reasonable efforts to prevent removal" - along with findings that States make reasonable efforts to finalize permanency plans for children, and seek termination of parental rights after an extensive period in foster care - 15 of the most recent 22 months - unless there is a compelling reason not to.

Attachment therapy:

Therapy for children with RAD or with one of the various types of attachment disorder: Insecure Avoidant Attachment, Insecure Ambivalent Attachment, Insecure Disorganized Attachment.

BD: Behavior Disorder

BIA: Bureau of Indian Affairs

BIP: Best Interest Placement

(1) With regard to CYFD: Best Interest Placement - typically used in conjunction with an internal meeting to "match a prospective adoptive family to a child."

(2) With regard to schools: Behavioral Intervention Plan - a formalized plan of specific interventions, created after completing a Functional Behavioral Assessment, intended to manage the behavior of students with special needs.

Bipolar Disorder:

A chronic illness with recurring episodes of mania and depression that can last from one day to months. This mental illness causes unusual and dramatic shifts in mood, energy and the ability to think clearly. Cycles of high (manic) and low (depressive) moods may follow an irregular pattern that differs from the typical ups and downs experienced by most people.

http://www.nami.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Mental_Illnesses/Bipolar1/Home_-_What_is_Bipolar_Disorder_.htm

Blood Quantum: the fraction of Indian blood required for tribal membership in some Tribes, Nations and Pueblos. (Note: eligibility for tribal membership is determined by the tribe, nation, or pueblo; eligibility is not always determined by blood quantum.)

BPD: Borderline Personality Disorder

An often misunderstood, serious mental illness characterized by pervasive instability in moods, interpersonal relationships, self-image and behavior. It is a disorder of emotional dysregulation. This instability often disrupts family and work, long-term planning and the individual's sense of self-identity. (<http://www.nami.org>)

CA/N: Child Abuse and Neglect

CAPTA: Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act

CART: Child Abuse Response Team

CASA: Court Appointed Special Advocates

CBT: Cognitive Behavior Therapy

Cognitive-behavioral therapy does not exist as a distinct therapeutic technique. The term "cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT)" is a very general term for a classification of therapies with similarities. There are several approaches to cognitive-behavioral therapy, including Rational Emotive Behavior Therapy, Rational Behavior Therapy, Rational Living Therapy, Cognitive Therapy, and Dialectic Behavior Therapy. (DBT)

CBT is based on the Cognitive Model of Emotional Response.

Cognitive-behavioral therapy is based on the idea that our thoughts cause our feelings and behaviors, not external things, like people, situations, and events. The benefit of this fact is that we can change the way we think to feel / act better even if the situation does not change. (from <http://www.nacbt.org/whatiscbt.htm>) (Also see The ASPAC Handbook on Child Maltreatment, Third Ed., E.B. Myers pp 197-202.)

CC: Children's Code

CCA: Children's Court Attorney

A Children's Court Attorney who represents CYFD

CCIC: Children's Court Improvement Commission of the New Mexico Supreme Court.

CD: Cognitive Disorder

CFCIP: Chafee Foster Care Independence Program

CFSR: Child and Family Services Review

Child and Family Services Review – ongoing monitoring of protective services in the states conducted by the Children's Bureau of US Health and Human Services Dept.

CIB: Certificate of Indian Blood – a document issued by the BIA and used to establish eligibility for enrollment in a tribe or pueblo.

CIP: Court Improvement Project

Federally funded activities intended to improve outcomes for children, youth, and families involved in the child welfare system.

COM: County Office Manager

Cognitive Impairment v. Developmental Delay

Cognitive Impairment: reduced intellectual ability

Developmental Delay:

Child with a disability for children aged three through nine (or any subset of that age range, including ages three through five), may...include a child—

(1) Who is experiencing developmental delays as defined by the State and as measured by appropriate diagnostic instruments and procedures in one or more of the following areas: Physical development, cognitive development, communication development, social or emotional development, or adaptive development; and

(2) Who, by reason thereof, needs special education and related services. [34 CFR §300.8(b)]

CPH: Children's Psychiatric Hospital

CPS: Child Protective Services

Change of Placement Staffing

A meeting between all parties and providers that allows CYFD to consider changing the placement of a child and to determine what services the child might need to support such a change (see FCM).

Change of Plan Staffing – a meeting between all parties and providers that allows CYFD to consider changing the permanency plan for a child (see FCM).

CRB: Citizen Review Board

An independent project legislatively created by the State of New Mexico to review the cases of children in the custody of the state and make recommendations to the Judge who presides over the individual case and to make recommendations to the New Mexico Legislature, the Children, Youth and Families Department, and the courts regarding the statutes, policies, and procedures relating to substitute care.

CSA: Client Service Aide

An employee of CYFD primarily involved in transport and low-level visitation supervision

CTA: Child Trauma Academy

CTS: Children's Treatment Services

CWLA: Child Welfare League of America

CYFD: Children, Youth and Families Department

DBT: Dialectic Behavior Therapy

DD: Developmentally Disabled

DD Waiver: Developmental Disabilities Waiver

A Medicaid waiver that entitles developmentally delayed individuals to additional services and financial support – has a several year waiting list

Discharge hearing:

The last review or permanency hearing before a child turns 18, in which the court determines if reasonable efforts have been made to provide the child with family, health and education records, ID and supporting documents, including citizenship papers and any parent's death certificate, application for Medicaid, and guardianship proceedings for the incapacitated. May result in extended jurisdiction by the court if such reasonable efforts are not made.

Disclosure:

Information provided by CYFD to prospective adoptive parents or a statement from a child about abuse or neglect

Disposition:

The decision made by the court following adjudication that puts into place a treatment plan

DOB: Date of Birth

DOH: Department of Health

DSM-IV: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders

published by the American Psychiatric Association, setting out codes and criteria for mental disorders. Soon to be supplanted by the DSM-5

DV: Domestic Violence

DVR: Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Educational decision maker:

Term used in FERPA and IDEA to describe the person responsible for making decisions related to education for children.

EMDR: Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing
A therapy often used to treat PTSD

EPSDT: Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment
A complete evaluation of a child's physical and mental health, as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 1396d(r).

Equine therapy/Hippotherapy:

A method of providing OT, PT and ST by riding horses specially saddled for children. Often children perform activities while on the horse with the aid of a therapist: blowing bubbles, giving commands, etc.

ETV: Education and Training Voucher

FACTS: Family Automated Client Tracking System

FASD: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

FC: Foster Care

FCM: Family Centered Meeting

A meeting of family members and others, facilitated by the Department, designed to identify strengths, concerns and needs, and develop, in appropriate cases, safety plans to promote healthy family functioning.

Used for placement changes or for changes of permanency plans, typically run by a facilitator. Formerly known as Team Decision Making or TDM.

FERPA: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

FIT: Family Infant Toddler Program

FP: Foster Parent

FPS: Family Preservation Services

FSTR: First Steps Toward Reunification

A program established in Roswell to assist parents with the confusion that comes with the sudden immersion into the child welfare system.

FTT/Failure to Thrive:

A condition caused by medical conditions or neglect in which a child fails to reach or maintain certain growth milestones

FTT: Failure to Thrive (organic or inorganic)

GAF/Global Assessment of Function:

A numerical categorization of an individual's overall level of function.

GAL: Guardian ad Litem

GED: General Equivalency Diploma

GPA: Grade Point Average

HIPAA: Health Information Privacy and Portability Act

HSD: Human Services Department

HV: Home Visit

IAPC: Initial Assessment and Planning Conference

ICAMA: Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance

ICJ: Interstate Compact on Juveniles

ICPC: Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children

A contract among member states and U.S. territories authorizing them to work together to ensure that children who are placed across state lines for foster care or adoption receive adequate protection and support services. The ICPC establishes procedures for the placement of children and fixes responsibility for agencies and individuals involved in placing children.

ICWA: Indian Child Welfare Act

IDEA: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1400 – 1491 (2002)

IEP: Individualized Education Program

Mandated for children with disabilities under the IDEA

Individualized education plan for children who need special education or are gifted or have emotional disturbance

I-HS: In-Home Services

IJR: Initial Judicial Review

IL: Independent Living

IPL: Interested Parties List

Provided to CRB in advance of reviews and from which CRB sends out notice

IR: Incident Report

ISW: Investigative Social worker

IT: Information Technology

ITA: Intent to Adopt

A document signed by prospective adoptive parents

JJS: Juvenile Justice Services

JPO: Juvenile Probation Officer

JPPO: Juvenile Probation Officer

JR: Judicial Review

LADAC: Licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor

LBSW: Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker

LCSW: Licensed Clinical Social Worker

LD: Learning Disorder

LE: Law Enforcement

LGBTQ: Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender, Questioning (or Queer)

LISA: Licensed Independent Social Worker

LMFT: Licensed Marriage Family Therapist

LMSW: Licensed Master Social Worker

MDT: Multi-Disciplinary Team

MEPA: Multi-Ethnic Placement Act

MFC: Medically Fragile Child

MH: Mental Health

Microcephaly: (my-kroh-SEF-uh-lee)

A rare neurological condition in which an infant's head is significantly smaller than the heads of other children of the same age and sex. Sometimes detected at birth, microcephaly usually is

the result of the brain developing abnormally in the womb or not growing as it should after birth.

Microcephaly can be caused by a variety of genetic and environmental factors. Children with microcephaly often have developmental issues. Generally there's no treatment for microcephaly, but early intervention may help enhance your child's development and improve quality of life. (<http://mayoclinic.com>)

MSW: Masters in Social Work

NCLB: No Child Left Behind Act

NRC: National Resource Center

NSP: Next Step Plan

NYTD: National Youth in Transition Database

OGC: Office of General Counsel

OT: Occupational therapy

Common occupational therapy interventions include helping children with disabilities to participate fully in school and social situations, helping people recovering from injury to regain skills, and providing supports for older adults experiencing physical and cognitive changes. <http://www.aota.org/Consumers.aspx>

FIG: Program Instruction Guideline

PIP: Program Improvement Plan

PL: Federal Public Law

PPLA: Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

PPW: Permanency Planning Worker

PRIDE: Parent's Resource for Information, Development and Education

PRT: Placement Review Team

PS: Protective Services

PT: Physical Therapy

Assists in rebuilding physical strength, fitness and mobility

PTSD: Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

A DSM-IV diagnosis, a type of anxiety disorder

QA: Quality Assurance

RA: Respondent Attorney

RAD: Reactive Attachment Disorder

Reactive attachment disorder is caused by abuse or neglect of an infant's needs for:

Emotional bonds with a primary or secondary caretaker

Food

Physical safety

Touching

(<http://www.nlm.nih.gov>)

RTC: Residential Treatment Center

SANE: Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner

SART: Sexual Assault Response Team

SCHIP: State Children's Health Insurance Program

Schizoaffective Disorder:

A serious mental illness that affects about one in 100 people. Schizoaffective Disorder as a diagnostic entity has features that resemble both schizophrenia and also serious mood (affective) symptoms. Many of the strategies used to treat both schizophrenia and affective conditions can be employed for this condition. These include antipsychotic and mood stabilizing medications, family involvement, psychosocial strategies, self-care peer support, psychotherapy and integrated care for co-occurring substance abuse (when appropriate).

SCI: Statewide Central Intake

SDM: Structured Decision Making

SSD: Social Security Disability

SSI: Supplemental Security Income

SSN: Social Security Number

ST: Speech Therapy

Assists in difficulties with language and speech.

SW: Social Worker

SWS: Missing?

TANF: Temporary Assistance to Needy Families

TFC: Treatment Foster Care

THV: Trial Home Visit

Title IV-E: Regulations from the Social Security Act of 1935 and its revisions

TPR: Termination of Parental Rights

UA: Urine Analysis

UCR: Uniform Case Record

WIC: Women, Infants and Children Program

YA: Youth Attorney

YDDC: Youth Diagnostic and Development Center

YTS: Youth Transition Specialist