

## Appendix B: Common Abbreviations and Acronyms

<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>AAL</b>	Attorney Ad Litem
<b>ACTS</b>	Worker – Aftercare Transitioning Services (through Lifeworks)
<b>ACYF</b>	Administration of Children, Youth and Families – Division of US Health and Human Services
<b>ADA</b>	Assistant District Attorney
<b>ADHD</b>	Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
<b>ADO</b>	Adoption Worker
<b>AG</b>	Attorney General
<b>AHT</b>	Abusive Head Trauma, including Shaken Baby Syndrome
<b>AOP</b>	Acknowledgment of Paternity
<b>APS</b>	Adult Protection Services
<b>ARD</b>	Admission Review and Dismissal
<b>BIA</b>	Bureau of Indian Affairs
<b>BVS/VSU</b>	Bureau of Vital Statistics (Vital Statistics Unit)
<b>CAC</b>	Child Advocacy Center
<b>CAPTA</b>	Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act
<b>CAS</b>	Child Advocacy Specialist
<b>CASA</b>	Court Appointed Special Advocate
<b>CCEJ</b>	Court of Continuing and Exclusive Jurisdiction
<b>CDIB</b>	Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood
<b>CFRC</b>	Child Fatality Review Committee
<b>COS</b>	“Circle of Support” Meeting or “Court Ordered Services”
<b>CPA</b>	Child Placing Agency
<b>CPC</b>	Child Protection Court

<b>CPS</b>	Child Protective Services
<b>CPSHB</b>	Child Protective Services Handbook
<b>CPU</b>	Child Placement Unit
<b>CRCG</b>	Community Resource Coordination Group
<b>CRP</b>	Community Reintegration Project
<b>CVS</b>	Conservatorship Worker/Unit
<b>CWB</b>	Child Welfare Board
<b>DADS</b>	Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services
<b>DEIC</b>	Designated Emergency Infant Care (Baby Moses Locations)
<b>DFPS</b>	Department of Family and Protective Services
<b>DIF</b>	Desarrollo Integral de la Familia
<b>DNR</b>	Do not resuscitate order
<b>DSHS</b>	Texas Department of State Health Services
<b>DSM-V</b>	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders
<b>ED</b>	Emotional Disturbance
<b>FA</b>	Father
<b>FAS/FASD</b>	Fetal Alcohol Syndrome or Fetal Alcohol Stress Disorder
<b>FBSS</b>	Family Based Safety Services
<b>FGC/ FGDM</b>	Family Group Conference or Family Group Decision Making
<b>FP</b>	Foster Parents
<b>FTM</b>	Family Team Meeting
<b>FTT</b>	Failure to Thrive
<b>GAL</b>	Guardian ad Litem
<b>HHS</b>	Health and Human Services

<b>HHSC</b>	Texas Health and Human Services Commission(umbrella agency over DFPS)
<b>HSEGH</b>	Health, Social, Educational and Genetic History
<b>ICAMA</b>	interstate Compact on Adoption & Medical Assistance
<b>ICARA</b>	International Child Abduction Remedies Act
<b>ICPC</b>	Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children
<b>ICWA</b>	Indian Child Welfare Act
<b>IDEA</b>	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
<b>IEP</b>	Individualized Education Plan
<b>ISP</b>	Individualized Service Plan (treatment meeting)
<b>IV-B IV-E</b>	Titles IV B and E of the Social Security Act
<b>JMC</b>	Joint Managing Conservatorship
<b>JPO</b>	Juvenile Probation Officer
<b>LD</b>	Learning Disabled
<b>LOC</b>	Level of Care
<b>IOP</b>	Intensive Outpatient
<b>MEPA</b>	Multi-Ethnic Placement Act
<b>MEPA-IEP</b>	Multi-ethnic Placement Act, as amended by the Interethnic Adoption Act
<b>MGF</b>	Maternal Grandfather
<b>MGM</b>	Maternal Grandmother
<b>MHMR</b>	Former Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation
<b>MO</b>	Mother
<b>MSA</b>	Mediated Settlement Agreement
<b>MSP</b>	Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy
<b>NCIC</b>	National Crime Identification Center (source of criminal background checks)
<b>NOS</b>	Not Otherwise Specified

<b>NSUP</b>	Neglectful Supervision
<b>OAG</b>	Office of Attorney General
<b>PAL</b>	Preparation For Adult Living
<b>PC</b>	Permanency Conference
<b>PGF</b>	Paternal Grandfather
<b>PGM</b>	Paternal Grandmother
<b>PHAB</b>	Physical Abuse
<b>PKPA</b>	Parental Kidnapping Prevention Act
<b>PMC</b>	Permanent Managing Conservatorship
<b>PO</b>	Parole Officer
<b>R/O</b>	Ruled Out
<b>RAD</b>	Reactive Attachment Disorder
<b>RAPR</b>	Refusal to Accept Parental Responsibility
<b>RSDI</b>	Retirement, Survivor and Disability Insurance (Social Security benefit)
<b>RTB</b>	Reason To Believe
<b>RTC</b>	Residential Treatment Center
<b>SANE</b>	Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner
<b>SAPCR</b>	Suit Affecting the Parent/Child Relationship (a.k.a Original Petition)
<b>SBS</b>	Shaken Baby Syndrome aka Abusive Head Trauma
<b>SIDS</b>	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
<b>SIJS</b>	Special Immigrant Juvenile Status
<b>SSI</b>	Supplemental Security Income (Social Security benefit for a disabled person)
<b>SWI</b>	Statewide Intake
<b>SXAB</b>	Sexual Abuse
<b>TAC</b>	Texas Administrative Code

<b>TANF</b>	Temporary Aid for Needy Families
<b>Title IV-E</b>	Title IV-E of the Social Security Act
<b>TMC</b>	Temporary Managing Conservatorship
<b>TPR</b>	Treatment Plan Review
<b>TPR</b>	Termination of Parental Rights
<b>UCCJEA</b>	Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Enforcement Act
<b>UTD</b>	Unable To Determine
<b>YFT</b>	Youth For Tomorrow



***“I justified it by saying “I’m just doing what was done to me.”***

*– Parent Collaboration Group Parent Liaisons*

