1. AAL = Attorney ad Litem

2. ABA = Applied Behavioral Analysis

3. ADA = Americans with Disabilities Act

4. ADC = Arkansas Department of Corrections

5. Adj = Adjudication

6. ALE = Alternative Learning Environment

7. AO = Alleged Offender

8. AOC = Administrative Office of the Courts

9. APPLA = Another Permanent Planned Living Arrangement

10. APS = Adult Protective Services

11. ARCASAA = Arkansas CASA Association

12. ASFA = Adoption and Safe Families Act

13. AV = Alleged Victim

14. BIA = Bureau of Indian Affairs

15. BIS = Behavioral Intervention Specialist (term used by OGC in lieu of MHPP)

16. BOP = Bureau of Prisons (Federal database)

17. CAC = Child Advocacy Center

18. CACD = Crimes Against Children Division (of the AR State Police)

19. CANS = Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths tool. Completed within 30 days of a child coming into care, assesses child’s current caregiver as well as identified permanent placement. Is used in development of a case plan. For children and youth 5 years of age and older.

20. CASA = Court Appointed Special Advocate

21. CAPTA = Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (1974)

22. CASSP = Children and Adolescent Service System Program

23. CHA = Comprehensive Health Assessment (Schmieding Evaluation aka PACE, Project for Adolescent and Child Evaluation)

24. CHRIS = Children’s Reporting and Information System. Computer tracking system used by DCFS in Arkansas for all cases.

25. CLFC = Creating Lasting Family Connections. A 12-week program for children and parents to participate in together.

26. CPPT = Child Parent Psychotherapy, for parents, and children who are age zero to three years

27. DAIP = Domestic Abuse Intervention Program (at Ozark Guidance)

28. DDS = Developmental Disabilities Services. Once approved for these services the child remains eligible for the rest of their life.

29. DHS = Department of Human Services

30. DCFS = Division of Children & Family Services

31. DYS = Division of Youth Services

32. ECC = Early Childhood Center (at OGC)

33. ETV = Educational Training Voucher (from DHS: pays for books, equipment, etc.)

34. FASFA = Free Application for Federal Student Aid, can be completed annually by current and prospective college students to determine their eligibility for student financial aid.

35. FAS = Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

36. FAST = Family Advocacy and Support Tool. For families in need of support and services from DCFS, designed to prevent child’s removal from the home, i.e. a Protective Services case; can be non-court or court involved.

37. FH = Foster Home

38. FHO = Foster Home Outreach (OGC program provides a case manager and therapist in the foster home)

39. FINS = Family In Need of Services

40. FP = Foster Parent

41. FSW = Family Service Worker

42. FT = Family Therapy

43. GAF = Global Assessment of Functioning. Used as a measurement (on a 100-point scale) to determine an individual’s overall level of functioning and his/her ability to carry out activities of daily living. This information is useful in planning treatment, measuring its impact, and predicting outcome. Children in TFC usually score from 20 to 40. Above 40 they can be discharged to a regular foster home.

44. GLSEN = Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network

45. HELP = Healing Every Loving Parent. Benton County program. Former DHS-involved parents mentor and support parent’s currently going through the system

46. HIPAA = Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

47. HOFNOD = Hooked On Fishing, Not On Drugs (program established by Juvenile Court, for children)

48. ICPC = Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children

49. ICWA = Indian Child Welfare Act

50. IDEA = Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

51. IEP = Individual Educational Program

52. IHP = Individual Habilitation Plan

53. IFS = Intensive Family Services

54. IFSP = Individual Family Service Plan – a plan for special services for children, birth to 3 years, with developmental delays. Once a child turns 3 years old, an IEP is put into place.

55. IOP = Intensive Outpatient Program (a treatment service and support program used primarily to treat eating disorders, depression, self-harm, and chemical dependency)

56. JDC = Juvenile Detention Center

57. Juvie = slang for Juvenile Detention Center

58. LGBTQ = Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, Questioning

59. LPC = Licensed Professional Counselor

60. MAT = Medication Assisted Treatment

61. MDT = Multi-Disciplinary Team

62. MHPP = Mental Health Paraprofessional

63. MOU = Memorandum of Understanding

64. NAMI = National Alliance on Mental Illness (use their website for questions about mental illness)

65. NCASAA = National CASA Association

66. NCIC = National Criminal Information Center

67. NOS = Not Otherwise Specified. Used in psychiatric diagnoses when diagnosis cannot be characterized because symptoms are atypical, or more general and can’t be specified.

68. OCSE = Office of Child Support Enforcement

69. OGC = Ozark Guidance Center

70. OPLS = Office of Policy and Legal Services – DHS attorneys (changed from OCC = Office of Chief Counsel)

71. OT = Occupational Therapy

72. PA = Program Assistant (DCFS aide)

73. PACE = Project for Adolescent and Child Evaluation aka CHA (Comprehensive Health Assessment)

74. PC = Probable Cause (hearing)

75. PCIT = Parent Child Interaction Therapy

76. PCP = Primary Care Physician

77. PFLAG = (pronounced P-Flag) originally stood for Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, but in 2013 the organization switched to using only the acronym to be more inclusive of all in the [LGBT](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LGBT) community

78. PPH = Permanency Planning Hearing

79. PS = Protective Service case

80. PT = Physical Therapy

81. RCDV = Resource Center on Domestic Violence

82. RPC = Regional Punishment Center

83. RPF = Regional Punishment Facility

84. SES = Socioeconomic Status

85. SIB = Self Injurious Behavior

86. SIJS = Special Immigrant Juvenile Status

87. SNAP = Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (food stamps)

88. SSI = Supplement Security Income

89. ST = Speech Therapy

90. SWS = Specialized Women’s Services

91. TANF = Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (a federally funded program)

92. TASC = Teen Action & Support Center: [www.tascnwa.org](http://www.tascnwa.org)

93. TDT = Therapeutic Day Treatment

94. TEA = Transitional Employment Assistance (24-month limit) (Arkansas’s acronym for TANF)

95. TFC = Therapeutic Foster Care

96. TFCBT = Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy

97. THP = Trial Home Placement

98. TLP = Transitional Living Plan, for youth age 14 and older, should be reviewed every six months

99. TPR = Termination of Parental Rights

100.TYS = Transitional Youth Services (life skills training and educational assistance for current and former youth in foster care who are age 14-21)

101.UJO = Underage Juvenile Offender

102.VOCA = Victim of Crimes Act

103.WIC = Women, Infants and Children

104. 504 Plan = refers to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the [Americans with Disabilities Act,](http://specialchildren.about.com/od/disabilityrights/qt/ada.htm) and spells out modifications and accommodations needed for a student to fully participate in federally run programs despite conditions such as physical impairments; illnesses or injuries; communicable diseases; chronic conditions like asthma, allergies and diabetes; and learning problems.