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A GLOSSARY

Terms, Acronyms, and Abbreviations
in
Child-Serving Agencies and Programs

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This is not intended to be a comprehensive or complete list of terms, acronyms or abbreviations used in human services in Dauphin County. We hope that it is a beginning of our efforts to be more collaborative with families and child serving organizations in Dauphin County. We encourage you to keep us informed about additions or changes to this list, and we will update it bi-annually. This is our 8th Edition. Contact us at dlouie@dauphinc.org.

How to Use the Glossary of Acronyms and Abbreviations

The Glossary of Acronyms and Abbreviations was compiled by members of the Dauphin County Supervisors' Group representing the following human service systems: Children & Youth, Juvenile Probation, Behavioral Health (Mental Health and Drugs & Alcohol), Intellectual Disabilities, Early Intervention and Area Agency on Aging.

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Feel free to add your own terms, acronyms or abbreviations at the end of this document; and, when we update the Glossary of Acronyms and Abbreviations, you can help us by having current information. For comments, please feel free to contact us at dlouie@dauphinc.org.

ACRONYMS/ABBREVIATIONS

Acronym/ Abbreviation	Definition	Relevant System(s)
A and D	Adjudication and Disposition – At Children and Youth, these components of the Juvenile Act dependency process are usually connected. This is a hearing, either before the Juvenile Court Judge or a hearing officer, at which it is determined whether a child is dependent or not and, if so, where the child will reside, with whom, and what permanency goal will be chosen.	Children & Youth Juvenile Justice
AA	Alcoholics Anonymous support groups	Behavioral Health
AA	Abraxas Academy-detention facility located in Morgantown, PA used to house youth placed by Dauphin County Juvenile Probation	Juvenile Justice
AAA	Area Agency on Aging	Area Agency on Aging
ABA	Applied Behavior Analysis	Behavioral Health
AC	Attendant Care	Area Agency on Aging
ACAF	Abraxas Center for Adolescent Females – Nine- to 12-month female residential program located in Pittsburgh, PA, with a strong drug and alcohol component.	Juvenile Justice
ACAP	A program operated by Keystone Human Services through the Bureau of Autism Services that supports Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders	Behavioral Health Intellectual Disabilities
ACF	Administration for Children and Families (Federal)	Children & Youth
ACOA	Adult Children of Alcoholics support groups	Behavioral Health
ACSW	Academy of Certified Social Workers is a national credentialing of social workers. Pennsylvania also has a licensing process for general social workers and clinical social workers.	Behavioral Health
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act is a federal statute, which protects persons with disabilities from discrimination in employment settings and guarantees rights and access to people with disabilities.	Behavioral Health Intellectual Disabilities
ADA	Assistant District Attorney	Juvenile Justice
ADC	Adult Day Care	Area Agency on Aging
ADL	Activities of Daily Living: Skills needed to remain independent in the community or skills that children and teens develop in order to succeed in adulthood. Examples of ADLs are hygiene, cooking, budgeting, use of public transportation and laundry.	Behavioral Health
Admin. or ACM	Administrative Case Management is a type of mental health case management service in which the consumer and/or family or other support system assist the consumer in meeting their mental health needs and use case management to assist with referrals and crisis situations. Administrative case management requires an annual service plan, and most contact is via telephone calls and occasional meetings. This level of case management is the least intensive of mental health case management services.	Behavioral Health

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ADS; ADT	Adult Day Service; Adult Development Training: A program which helps individuals with severe and/or multiple disabilities to develop and improve personal and vocational skill. Instruction areas may include communication, socialization, cognitive education, motor development, daily living skills, and community education and recreation. This may also be known as Adult Developmental Training.	Intellectual Disabilities
AI	A long-term residential program run through Abraxas that is an intensive residential treatment for delinquent and dependent males with severe substance abuse problems and related behavioral disorders.	Juvenile Justice
AII	A short-term residential program run through Abraxas that deals with substance abuse issues and related behaviors.	Juvenile Justice
AL-ANON	Support group for families of D & A dependent persons	Behavioral Health
AMA	Against Medical Advice is a discharge status when a consumer leaves a program without the agreement of the clinical staff or treating physician/psychiatrist.	Behavioral Health
AMD	Alcohol Monitoring Device	Juvenile Justice
ANRC	ARC's (Alternative Rehabilitation Communities) Neighborhood Reporting Center	Juvenile Justice
APD	Aging Program Directive	Area Agency on Aging
APO	Adult Probation Office	Adult Probation
APPLA	Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement – The Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA) requires the Children and Youth agency to have a permanency goal for every child in custody. This goal is typically chosen for a youth when the youth has chosen not to be adopted. Youth over the age of 12 years have an affirmative say, and there is no other permanency goal that is appropriate for the youth. It does not mean aging out of the Children and Youth system at age 18.	Children & Youth
APS	Adult Protective Services - Law was enacted to provide protective services to adults between 18 and 59 years of age who have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities. The APS Law establishes a program of protective services in order to detect, prevent, reduce and eliminate abuse, neglect, exploitation and abandonment of adults in need. A report can be made on behalf of the adult whether they live in their home or in a care facility such as a nursing facility, group home, hospital, etc. Reporters may remain anonymous and have legal protection from retaliation, discrimination, and civil and criminal prosecution. The statewide Protective Services hotline is available 24 hours a day.	All
APSI	D&A Adolescent assessment instrument	Behavioral Health
ARC	A state or local association that provides advocacy and services to individuals with intellectual disabilities	Intellectual Disabilities
ARC	Alternative Rehabilitation Communities	Juvenile Justice

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ASA	Against Staff Advice is a discharge status in which the consumer leaves a program without following proper discharge procedures.	Behavioral Health
ASAM	American Society of Addiction Medicine Patient Placement Criteria – A tool used to determine the appropriate level of care and type of treatment services for all clients.	Behavioral Health
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorder	Early Intervention Behavioral Health
ASFA	Adoption and Safe Families Act	Children & Youth
ASQ	Ages and Stages Questionnaire - Assessment tool that is administered to track developmental milestones and indicate areas of concern for which referrals can be made for Early Intervention services.	Early Intervention
ATF	Adult Training Facility: A place where day supports are provided to adults who need help in developing skills, with meeting personal needs, and with basic daily activities.	Intellectual Disabilities
AWOL	Away without Leave describes the status of a person who does not have permission to leave a treatment setting.	Behavioral Health Juvenile Justice Children & Youth
AYC	Abraxas Youth Center-detention center and shelter program located in Chambersburg, PA and used to house youth placed by Dauphin County Juvenile Probation and Dauphin County Children and Youth	Juvenile Justice Children & Youth
BAL/BAC	Blood Alcohol Level/Blood Alcohol Content is the legal measurement used to assess a person's degree of intoxication.	Behavioral Health Juvenile Justice Children & Youth
BARJ	Balanced and Restorative Justice – This is the state's philosophy regarding youth offenders. This mandates that the juvenile court balance holding the youth accountable for their crimes, while also providing protection for the community from the offender and also developing competencies in the juvenile offender.	Juvenile Justice
BAS	Bureau of Autism Services	Early Intervention Behavioral Health
BCM	Blended Case Management is a service for mental health consumers registered in the mental health program and funded through managed care or County MH/A/DP Program. Persons who qualify for targeted case management services may benefit from flexible supports. Blended Case Management allows the frequency of case management support to fluctuate based upon individual's needs over time.	Behavioral Health
BH	Behavioral Health is a term used to describe the mental health and drug & alcohol system which are jointly managed in Pennsylvania's HealthChoices Program.	Behavioral Health
BH-MCO	Behavioral Health-Managed Care Organization is an administrative entity licensed or sub-licensed by an insurance company in Pennsylvania and under the HealthChoices program which through a contract with a county MH/ID program is responsible for managing the behavioral health benefits for persons eligible for medical assistance funded care.	Behavioral Health

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BHRS	Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services is a home, school and community level of care which is individualized and behaviorally oriented to address social, behavioral, and emotional problems in children and teens ages 0-21 years. Typical BHRS services include: Mobile Therapy, Therapeutic Staff Support and Summer Therapeutic Activities Program. BHRS services must be recommended by a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist.	Behavioral Health
BSC	Behavior Specialist Consultant is a type of Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Service, which assesses behavioral intervention needs, creates a plan to address those needs and works with the child's team to implement successful behavioral strategies to address problematic behaviors. BSC is not a direct service to children and must be recommended by a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist.	Behavioral Health
BSU	Base Service Unit: An organizational unit described in mental health regulations responsible for registering eligible persons. (In Dauphin County, the CMU is the only BSU agency.) It is a unit where intake into the MH/ID system is completed and Supports Coordinator Services are provided. The registration process includes a risk assessment, psychosocial interview, determination of mental health needs, financial liability and service planning.	Intellectual Disabilities Behavioral Health
CA	Case Aide	Area Agency on Aging Children & Youth
CA/N	Child Abuse/Neglect	Children & Youth
CAAC	County Administrators Advisory Committee: Committee created to provide ODP with guidance on behalf of the counties/joiners. Counties on the CAAC: Allegheny, Philadelphia, Bucks, Luzerne/Wyoming, Franklin/Fulton, Delaware, Beaver, Cameron/Elk/McKean, Bradford/Sullivan, York/Adams, and Lancaster.	Intellectual Disabilities
CABHC	Capital Area Behavioral Health Collaborative is an administrative unit created by a five-county Mental Health and Drugs & Alcohol collaborative to oversee the daily operations of the behavioral health-managed care organization and assures that the terms of each county's agreement with DPW under HealthChoices are met. The five counties involved with CABHC are Dauphin, Lancaster, Cumberland, Perry and Lebanon.	Behavioral Health
CAFAS	Child & Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale	Behavioral Health
CAIU	Capital Area Intermediate Unit – the local agency designated by PDE to provide early intervention services to eligible children in Dauphin, Cumberland, Perry, and Northern York Counties, 3 to age of beginner.	Early Intervention
CANS	Child & Adolescent Needs and Strengths Assessment	Behavioral Health

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CAO	County Assistance Office - an office of the State Department of Human Services that is responsible for determining the eligibility of residents for State and federal benefits, including SNAP, TANF and MA	Children & Youth Behavioral Health Early Intervention
CAPSTONE	Clinical Assessment, Peer Support, Treatment and ON-Going Education - An evidence based treatment used by multiple providers (PPI, CMU and YWCA) to address the need for comprehensive support for young adults ages 16-26 experiencing first episode psychosis	Behavioral Health
CASSP	Child and Adolescent Service System Program is a set of children's mental health philosophies and values established by the federal government in the early 1980's. The six CASSP values are: child-centered, family focused, culturally competent, multi-system, least restrictive/least intrusive and community-based.	Behavioral Health
CBP	Cognitive Behavioral Program - Program used by trained probation offices with juvenile offenders to provide them with the opportunity to acquire skills to change their behaviors in a pro-social way, resulting in recidivism reduction.	Juvenile Justice
CBT	Cognitive Behavioral Therapy	Behavioral Health
CCM	Clinical Care Manager is the staff person in a behavioral health-managed care organization who reviews and recommends for funding levels of care and treatment to eligible members.	Behavioral Health
CCRS	Consolidated Community Reporting System is the statewide database for statistical reporting on persons using County funded mental health services.	Behavioral Health
CH/CLA	Community Home/Community Living Arrangement (Group Home): A home in the community in which care and support services are provided to one or more individuals. Services in the home include assistance in the activities of daily living that support a person's personal and intellectual development, physical and personal care, recreation and socialization in the community.	Intellectual Disabilities
CHIP	Children's Health Insurance Program is a state and federally funded health insurance program in PA for children whose family income exceeds medical assistance guidelines and who otherwise would be uninsured.	Behavioral Health
CI	Crisis Intervention is a type of mental health service that can be office, telephone or community based to assist an individual with a problem or stressor that is causing emotional distress or upset.	Behavioral Health
CISM	Critical Incident Stress Management is a multi-disciplinary team designed to assist individuals or groups in managing the stress and trauma caused by emergencies, crises, or unusual events.	Behavioral Health
CJTT&R	Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research – As a part of the Juvenile Court Judges Commission, this agency provides training and research for Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice Professionals.	Juvenile Justice
CLEAN	Commonwealth Law Enforcement Assistance Network – PA State Police computer database.	Juvenile Justice

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CLW	Community Living Waiver supports individuals with an intellectual disability, autism, or developmental disability to live more "independently" in their homes and communities. This is administered by Medicaid and is capped at \$70,000 per year.	Intellectual Disabilities
CM	Care Manager	Area Agency on Aging
CM	Case Manager is a generic term to describe information and referral, assessment, planning and service monitoring for consumers of mental health services.	Behavioral Health
CMI	Care Management Instrument	Area Agency on Aging
CMS	Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services: The federal agency that administers the Federal Medicaid Programs including the Medicaid Waiver.	Intellectual Disabilities Behavioral Health
CMU	The CMU (Case Management Unit) is a non-profit organization contracted with Dauphin County MH/A/DP Program and other payer sources to provide intake interviews, eligibility and liability determinations for persons with or at risk of a mental illness, intellectual disabilities, or in need of early intervention support and services. Ongoing support as early intervention case management, support coordination (ID) and three levels of mental health case management services are available to eligible persons.	Behavioral Health Early Intervention Intellectual Disabilities
COPS	Court Ordered Protective Supervision (see A & D above) – In this case, the child would have had an A & D hearing, and the court would find the child dependent and place the child and family under the supervision of the Court, usually for a period of at least six months. Typically there is a Court plan developed by the Children and Youth caseworker presented at the hearing. This plan can be accepted, modified, or denied by the Court depending upon evidence presented. In this type of case, the family is directed by the Court to cooperate with intervention while the child remains at home with the parent. There is no transfer of custody.	Children & Youth
CP	Care Plan	Area Agency on Aging

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CPP	<p>Child Permanency Plan – Every child in the custody of the Children and Youth Agency must have a CPP. A CPP is a multi-page document that delineates the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --Circumstances that make placement necessary --Efforts made to prevent placement --Reason for selection of particular placement --Potential permanency resources --Permanency goals --Services to be provided to child and family and the providers of those services --The child's religious practice --Visitation plan --Healthcare provider --Educational provider --Information regarding parental opportunity to participate in developing the CPP 	Children & Youth
CPS	<p>Child Protective Services – This generally applies to Children and Youth Services. In Dauphin County, it applies to a particular unit of service, that being the Child Abuse Intake Unit, referred to as the CPS Unit. The caseworkers assigned to this unit investigate all reports of suspected child abuse received by the Children and Youth Agency. (The exceptions are those cases received by the Up-County Unit.)</p>	Children & Youth
CPS	Certified Peer Specialist in Mental Health.	Behavioral Health
CPSL	Child Protective Services Law	Children & Youth
CQI	Continuous Quality Improvement are administrative management tasks which plan and assess the quality of services based upon established standards of a system or agency.	Behavioral Health
CRD/LIC	Credentials/License are the professional qualifications of many staff working in the mental health field.	Behavioral Health
CRN “CRIN”	Court Reporting Network – This is PennDot’s way to keep statistical data regarding DUI’s via an evaluation similar to a drug and alcohol evaluation.	Juvenile Justice
CRNP	Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner is a type of licensed nursing staff found in mental health and physical health care agencies.	Behavioral Health
CRR- ITP	Community Residential Rehabilitation-Intensive Treatment Program is a licensed CRR-HH program with increased clinical intensity and family treatment component	Behavioral Health
CRR-HH	Community Residential Rehabilitation- Host Home is a level of care in mental health where mental health treatment and supports are delivered in a family setting. Programs are licensed and regulated by the Department of Public Welfare, Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.	Behavioral Health
CRS	Certified Recovery Specialist - person trained to work with someone who has a substance use disorder	Behavioral Health

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CSP	Caregiver Support Program (formerly Family Caregiver Support Program) - Reimbursement program offering up to \$200 per month for qualified supplies as well as a one-time reimbursement of up to \$2,000 for home modification.	Area Agency on Aging
CSP	Community Support Program is a coalition of mental health consumers, family members, and professionals, working to help adults with SMI and co-occurring disorders live successfully in the community.	Behavioral Health
CSP	Community Service Program – Probation office-run program in which juvenile offenders, as a means to hold them accountable, must complete work for a non-profit agency without pay.	Juvenile Justice
CSR	Consumer	Area Agency on Aging
CSR	Continued Stay Review - Completed to determine if same level of care/treatment is needed.	Behavioral Health
CSS	Consumer Satisfaction Survey – A survey used to assess consumers’ opinions on the quality of behavioral health services rendered.	Behavioral Health
CTC	Communities That Care is national program replicated in communities and regions to reduce juvenile crime through prevention programming, community investment strategies and neighborhood mobilization.	Behavioral Health
CTC	Community Treatment Center - Community program for juveniles involved with probation.	Juvenile Justice
CW	Caseworker	Children & Youth
CY104	Report of suspected child abuse to Law Enforcement Official – Document used by Children and Youth Services Agencies to notify LEO and DA of a case of child abuse that meets reporting criteria to those	Children & Youth
CY47	Document used by mandated reporters of CA/N to provide written documentation to Children and Youth Services within 48 hours of their oral report. Not needed if referral made electronically.	Children & Youth
CY47D	Document used by law enforcement officials to report suspected student abuse to Children and Youth Agencies within 48 hours of their oral	Children & Youth
CY49	Child Protective Services Supplemental Report – Document used by Children and Youth Services to advise the State Child Abuse Hotline of substantial changes in a previous indicated or founded report.	Children & Youth
D&A	Typically refers to the need for a drug and alcohol evaluation or that the juvenile has drug and alcohol issues.	Juvenile Justice Children & Youth Behavioral Health
D/C	Discharge: Refers to the termination of a consumer’s involvement in services.	Behavioral Health
D1	Initial Document to justify secure detention of a juvenile	Juvenile Justice
D2	Court Order stating the outcome of a Detention Hearing	Juvenile Justice
DA	District Attorney	Juvenile Justice

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DBT	Dialectical Behavioral Therapy - An evidence based treatment model to assist those with Borderline Personality Disorder or Borderline Personality traits to address suicidal or non-suicidal self-injurious behavior, solve life's problems and create a life worth living. Components include both individual and group therapy and phone	Behavioral Health
DBT-A	Dialectical Behavioral Therapy - Adolescent - An evidence based	Behavioral Health
DCAAA	Dauphin County Area Agency on Aging	Area Agency on Aging
DCORT	Disaster Crisis Outreach Referral Team is a team of human service professionals who have specific training and skills in providing emotional and material support to persons affected by natural or human caused disasters.	Behavioral Health
DCP	Dauphin County Prison	Juvenile Justice
DCSSCY	Dauphin County Social Services for Children and Youth	Children & Youth
DDAP	Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs	Behavioral Health
DDx	Dual Diagnosis is a term used to identify persons with either a mental health and Drug & Alcohol diagnosis or persons with a mental health and intellectual disability diagnosis.	Behavioral Health
DHHS	Department of Health & Human Services is the federal agency that oversees federal health and human service funding and policies.	Behavioral Health
DHS	Department of Human Services (formerly Department of Public Welfare) - State department comprised of seven program offices which administer services that provide care and support to PA's most vulnerable citizens. Departments include Office of Medical Assistance Programs (OMAP); Office of Developmental Programs (ODP); Office of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS); Office of Children, Youth & Families (OCYF); Office of Income Maintenance; Office of Long Term Living (OLTL) and Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL)	Behavioral Health
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic Acid – Under new legislation, all youth who are adjudicated on a felony offense are required to submit a DNA sample to the PA State Police.	Juvenile Justice
DRN	Disabilities Rights Network- A state mandated agency that provides oversight and advocacy to the MH/ID system	Intellectual Disabilities Behavioral Health
DSM V	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual, Fifth Edition is the official published guideline for diagnosing persons with behavioral health disorders and related disorders.	Behavioral Health
DWAP	Diakon Weekend Alternative Program – This program is run through Diakon Lutheran Services, under Tressler.	Juvenile Justice
Dx	Diagnosis is the clinical classification of a persons' concerns, symptoms and behaviors in behavioral health terms.	Behavioral Health

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EBP/EBI/EBT	Evidence-Based Practice/Evidence-Based Interventions/Evidence-Based Therapy are programs, practices, and therapy which have been assessed using a standardized method of review and inquiry by an accrediting or evaluation entity and found to be clinically effective.	Behavioral Health Juvenile Justice
ECYEH	PA Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness - was established to make sure homeless youth have access to a free and appropriate public education while removing barriers that homeless children face. Its goal is to have the educational process continue as uninterrupted as possible while the children are in homeless situations.	All
EI	Early Intervention: A collection of services and supports for eligible children from birth to the age of beginners to provide stimulation and education.	Early Intervention
EITA	Early Intervention Technical Assistance is a statewide training and technical assistance effort jointly sponsored by the Departments of Health, Education, and Public Welfare.	Early Intervention
ELP	Essential Lifestyle Plan - Uses a technique of visual graphics to focus on the dreams of a person. The visual aid represents what is essential, important and desirable in a person's life on a day to day basis.	Intellectual Disabilities
EM	Electronic Monitoring – This program is an alternative to secure detention and allows the probation officer to know whether or not an offender was in his/her home during curfew/house arrest hours. Juveniles are charged \$5.00 for each day on the program.	Juvenile Justice
EMDR	Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing - A psychotherapy that enables people to heal from the symptoms of emotional distress and trauma. During EMDR therapy the client attends to emotionally disturbing material in brief sequential doses while simultaneously focusing on external stimulus. Therapist directed lateral eye movements are the most commonly used external stimulus but a variety of other stimuli including hand-tapping and audio stimulation are often used.	Behavioral Health
EPICS	Effective Practices in Community Supervision - structured outline to be utilized when meeting with offenders.	Juvenile Justice
EPSDT	Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment is a computerized registration system for children (birth to 21 years) enrolled in a federal and state medical assistance which monitors and recommends periodic health and mental health screenings and services based upon diagnostic information.	Behavioral Health Early Intervention
ER	Evaluation Report. Required prior to IFSP or IEP.	Early Intervention Education
ER/ED	Emergency Room/Emergency Department is a department within a community hospital that provides 24/7 emergency medical care and physician assessments for psychiatric care.	Behavioral Health
ETOH	This is the chemical abbreviation for alcohol.	Behavioral Health

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EVS	Eligibility Verification System is managed by the State Department of Welfare, Office of Medical Assistance programs, and has up-to-date information of consumer's eligibility status in the Medical Assistance program.	Behavioral Health Intellectual Disabilities Early Intervention
FAPE	A legal term used to describe a free and appropriate public education guaranteed by the federal law, at no expense to the parents and family.	Early Intervention
FAST	Family Advocacy and Support Tool	Children & Youth
FBMHS	Family-Based Mental Health Services are a type of mental health treatment and supports established in Pennsylvania in the late 1980's that combines or bundles three services: family therapy, case management and family support services. The services is primarily delivered in the home setting by two staff -a mental health professionals and mental health worker. The service is available 24/7 and at least one adult in the home must consent to the service. The average length of services is eight months.	Behavioral Health
FEI	Family Engagement Initiative is a joint effort between the Administrative Office of the PA Courts focused on the areas of enhanced legal representation, family finding and crisis/rapid response meetings in order to decrease entry and re-entry into agency care.	Children & Youth
FFS	Fee For Service is a term used to describe the way in which a service or support is funded. A rate of payment is established for a unit of service.	Behavioral Health
FFT	Functional Family Therapy - An evidence based treatment program for youth ages 10-18 with externalizing behaviors. A trained therapist provides intensive family therapy to change patterns of family interaction and help family members develop specific skills. Treatment is structured around five phases, each with specific assessment and intervention components tailored to the unique characteristics of each family.	Behavioral Health
FGC	Family Group Conference – Meeting of identified family members and professionals involved with the family in order to discuss strengths and concerns and ultimately develop a plan to address the concerns. The plan is shared and agreed upon with the larger group that may include Juvenile Probation officer, Children and Youth Caseworker, MH case manager and service providers.	All
FICM	Forensic Intensive Case Management	Behavioral Health
FSP/PPP	Family Service Plan/Child Protective Plan – Completed within 30 days after a juvenile is committed to placement.	Juvenile Justice
FSP/FSPR	Family Service Plan/Review – Every family accepted for service (not the	Children & Youth
FTA	Failure to Adjust – This term is used when a youth is terminated from a program for failing to follow program rules.	Juvenile Justice
FY	Fiscal Year (July 1 to June 30) is the period of time in which State government in Pennsylvania contracts and budgets.	Behavioral Health
GAL	Guardian Ad Litem – An attorney appointed by the Court to represent the interest of a child in dependency matters.	Children & Youth

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GPS	Global Positioning System	All
GPS	General Protective Services - Category of referral that comes to Children and Youth for investigation. Categories of findings are either valid or invalid and outcomes are sent to Childline. The referral source receives a letter acknowledging that the referral was received and again acknowledging the completion of the investigation. Outcomes are not shared with the referral source.	Children & Youth
HAP	Homeless Assistance Program is designed to address housing issues for families at risk of becoming homeless.	Behavioral Health
HASA	Harrisburg Abraxas Student Academy	Education Juvenile Justice
HC	HealthChoices is the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's plan to	Behavioral Health
HCBS	Home and Community Based Services	Area Agency on Aging
HCFA	Health Care Financing Administration: Now called the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (see definition for Center for Medicare	Intellectual Disabilities
HCQU	Health Care Quality Units: A group of healthcare and management professionals who help county intellectual disability programs monitor and improve the overall health status of individuals receiving services in the county programs. There are 8 HCQUs in Pennsylvania.	Intellectual Disabilities
HCSIS	Home & Community Services Information System: A web enabled information system that services as the information system for DHS	Intellectual Disabilities
HDM	Home Delivered Meals	Area Agency on Aging
HELP	HELP Ministries is designed to provide basic material needs. Caseworkers meet weekly with families to develop goal plans and assess their current needs.	Behavioral Health
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization is a type of insurance in PA, which is	Behavioral Health
HPD	Harrisburg Police Department is the City police force that works closely with human service agencies in response to emergencies, crisis and community needs.	Behavioral Health
HRP	Health Risk Profile: Instrument utilized by HCSIS and designed to screen	Intellectual Disabilities
HSDO	Human Services Director's Office in Dauphin County oversees human service programs such as mental health, intellectual disabilities, children & youth, drugs & alcohol and aging. The Human Service Director office also works with Juvenile Probation and other County departments.	All
HSRI	Human Services Research Institute: National organization that performs demographic studies of health services.	Intellectual Disabilities
Hx	History refers to the consumer's social history information.	Behavioral Health

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IA	Interagency meetings are commonplace in children's mental health for services to be reviewed, planning and conflicts in service delivery or among multiple agencies to be resolved.	Behavioral Health
IADL	Instrumental Activities of Daily Living	Area Agency on Aging
IBHS	Intensive Behavioral Health Services are an array of therapeutic interventions and supports provided to a child, youth, or young adult in the home, school or other community setting. IBHS will be replacing the term BHRS.	Behavioral Health
IBHS (ABA Services)	The evaluation/study of both environment and behavior in order to suggest modifications to improve behavior and functioning. Related acronyms for ABA services include BCBA (Board Certified Behavior Analyst), BCAT (Board Certified Autism Technician) and BHT-ABA (Behavioral Health Technician - Applied behavior analysis).	Behavioral Health
IBHS (Individual Services)	Intensive 1:1 therapeutic interventions and supports that are used to reduce and manage identified therapeutic needs, increase coping strategies and support skill development. Related acronyms for individual services are BHT (Behavioral health technician), MT (mobile therapy) and RBT (Registered behavior technician).	Behavioral Health
ICF/ID	Intermediate Care Facility for the Intellectually Disabled: A facility which can be operated by the State or privately and is licensed by the Department of Health. Most ICFs/MR are large facilities serving 40-400 individuals, however, there are also some ICF/ID that are homes of 4-8 people in the community.	Intellectual Disabilities
ICM	Intensive Case Management is a type of drug and alcohol case management service for persons with a drug and alcohol abuse. ICM is a	Behavioral Health
ICWA	Indian Child Welfare Act – A 1978 Federal statute that established minimum standards for handling custody cases involving Native American children.	Children & Youth
ID	Intellectual Disabilities	Intellectual Disabilities
IDEA	The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act: The federal law providing the entitlement to EI services for eligible infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. Also provides special education services to eligible children until the age of 21.	Education
IEP	Individualized Education Plan developed by parents and staff for eligible children from their 3rd birthday to 21 years of age.	Education
IFS	Intensive Family Services	Children & Youth
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan developed by parents and staff for	Early Intervention
IM4Q	Independent Monitoring for Quality: Part of the larger Monitoring for Quality (M4Q) initiative; the IM4Q application will allow data capture	Intellectual Disabilities
IOP	Intensive Outpatient Program is a term used to characterize therapy	Behavioral Health

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IP	Identified Patient or Person	Behavioral Health
IP	Inpatient is a type of service characterized by its intensity (24/7) in a hospital (mental health and drug & alcohol) or non-hospital (D & A) setting.	Behavioral Health
ISP	Individual Support Plan: A plan for each individual developed with the	All
ISPT	Interagency Service Planning Team	Behavioral Health
ISS	Inventory of Support Services: The tool that determines the level of self-sufficiency in 12 life domains in the Drug & Alcohol system.	Behavioral Health
ISS	In School Suspension	Education
IT	Implementation Team	Behavioral Health Juvenile Justice Children & Youth
ITNA	Individual Training Needs Assessment – Certified Child Welfare personnel are required to complete a yearly training needs inventory to determine continuing training opportunities. This document is the tool.	Children & Youth
ITP	Individual Treatment plan	Behavioral Health
IU	Intermediate Unit	Education
JCAHO	Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations is an accrediting body for healthcare organizations.	Behavioral Health Early Intervention Intellectual Disabilities Children & Youth
JCJC	Juvenile Court Judges' Commission	Juvenile Justice
JD	Juvenile Division of the Court of Common Pleas	Children & Youth
JPO	Juvenile Probation Office	Juvenile Justice
LDP	Abraxas Leadership Development Program	Juvenile Justice
LEA	Local Education Agency	Education
LEO	Law Enforcement Official	Children & Youth Juvenile Justice
LHK	Light Housekeeping	Area Agency on Aging
LICC	Local Interagency Coordinating Council – A community group of people which includes early intervention agencies, parents, and other interested parties that are committed to young children and their families. This group works to support all local early intervention efforts. (The EIC is the LICC in this area.)	Early Intervention
LOC	Level of Care: Intensity and types of treatment services ranging from outpatient to inpatient to residential in the Drug & Alcohol, mental health system and aging.	Area Agency on Aging Behavioral Health Intellectual Disabilities
LOCA	Level of Care Assessment	Area Agency on Aging
LOS	Length of Stay is the time a person uses services or is expected to use services. It can also be used to indicate the length of time, usually by days, that a child or teen was in placement or detention.	Behavioral Health Juvenile Justice

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LRE	Least Restrictive Environment – An educational setting or program that provides a student with special needs the opportunities to work and learn to the best of his/her ability. It also provides the student with as much contact as possible with children without disabilities, while meeting all of the child’s learning needs and physical requirements.	Early Intervention
LSW	Licensed Social Worker	All
LTC	Long-term Care	Area Agency on Aging
M4Q	Monitoring for Quality: An integral part of HCSIS that will collect data and track outcome trends from each of the quality management initiatives: Waiver Monitoring, the Health Risk Profile, and Incident Management process.	Intellectual Disabilities
MA	Medical Assistance or Medicaid is a federally-funded (Title XIX of the Social Security Act) insurance program that pays for medical services and behavioral health services for people who qualify. It also provides funding for ICF/ID and most home and community-based services provided by county MH/ID programs.	Behavioral Health Children & Youth Early Intervention Intellectual Disabilities
MAP	MAP is another person-centered planning tool in mental health and intellectual disabilities services that assists an individual in identifying goals and desires in their future.	Behavioral Health
MAP	Maternal Addiction Programs are drug and alcohol recovery programs	Behavioral Health
MAT	Medication Assisted Treatment is the use of medications to treat substance use disorder and prevent opioid overdose. This method is primarily used to treat addiction to opioids.	Behavioral Health
MAWA	Mutually Agreed upon Written Arrangement	Early Intervention
MAWD	Medical Assistance for Workers with Disabilities	Intellectual Disabilities
MAYSI II	Massachusetts Assessment Youth Screening Instrument	Behavioral Health
MCO	Managed Care Organization – An entity that manages the provision and costs/ payments of physical and behavioral healthcare.	Behavioral Health
MDE	The Multidisciplinary Evaluation of the child’s developmental abilities, performed by a Multidisciplinary Team.	Early Intervention
MDJ	Magisterial District Justice	Juvenile Justice
Med(s)	Medication(s) prescribed by a physician to address a specific ailment.	Behavioral Health
MH/A/DP	Mental Health/Autism/Developmental Programs – The county agency under the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services. In addition to services provided for persons with mental illnesses, intellectual disabilities, and autism, MH/A/DP is responsible for the provision of early intervention services from birth until the child’s third birthday.	Early Intervention Behavioral Health Intellectual Disability
MHP	Mental Health Professional	Behavioral Health
MI	Motivational Interviewing	Behavioral Health Juvenile Justice
MICA	Mentally Ill/Chemically Addicted	Behavioral Health
MIS	Management Information System	Behavioral Health
MISA	Mental Illness & Substance Abuse	Behavioral Health

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MNC	Medical Necessity Criteria: The determination that a specific health or behavioral health care service is medically appropriate, based on the biopsychosocial severity and determined by a multi-dimensional assessment of the individual.	Behavioral Health
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding is a non-financial agreement commonly used to outline coordination and cooperation between two or more agencies.	Behavioral Health
MOW	Meals on Wheels	Area Agency on Aging
MSE	Mental Status Examination: Examination performed by a mental health professional or worker to assess an individual's thought processes, awareness, cognition and mental orientation at a given point in time. An MSE is one of several assessments provided to a person in determining their need for mental health treatment.	Behavioral Health
MST	Multi-systemic Therapy: a blue print evidence-based program for adolescents with primary mental issues, externalizing behaviors and Juvenile Justice or Children and Youth involvement. MST is an alternative to or step down from out of home treatment. MST services are provided to the youth and their family in their home, community, and school.	Behavioral Health
MSW	Master of Social Work designates completion of a graduate program in	Behavioral Health
MT	Mobile Therapy is a service performed by a master's trained clinician conducting individual and family therapy in non-traditional settings such as home, school or in community programs not in clinic based settings.	Behavioral Health
MYP	Multi-Year Plan: A strategy designed and utilized by the Office of Developmental Programs, with input from the PAC, to move its organization and the services it delivers towards a higher and a more efficient quality, self-determination, individual choice, better access to services and more community support.	Intellectual Disabilities
NA	Narcotics Anonymous support groups	Behavioral Health
NAADAC	National Association of Alcoholism & Drug Abuse Counselors	Behavioral Health
NAMI	National Alliance for the Mentally Ill is a nationally recognized education and advocacy agency supporting persons and families with mental illness.	Behavioral Health
NASADAD	National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors	Behavioral Health
NBB	Needs Based Budget	Children & Youth
NCADD	National Council on Alcoholism & Drug Dependency	Behavioral Health
NCADI	National Clearinghouse of Alcohol & Drug Information	Behavioral Health
NCDAO	National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Organization	Behavioral Health
NCIC	National Crime Information Center	Children & Youth Juvenile Justice
NFCE	Nursing Home Clinically Eligible	Area Agency on Aging
NFI	Nursing Home Ineligible	Area Agency on Aging

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NFP	Nurse Family Partnership - Nurse home visitors work with low-income women who are pregnant with their first child, helping clients achieve healthier pregnancies and births, stronger child development, and a path toward economic self-sufficiency.	Behavioral Health Children & Youth
NGA	National Governor's Academy	Children & Youth Juvenile Justice
NHT	Nursing Home Transition	Area Agency on Aging
NOREP	Notice of Recommended Educational Placement	Early Intervention Education
NSV	Nursing Site Visit	Area Agency on Aging
OAA	Older American's Act	Area Agency on Aging
OC	Oleo-Resin Capsicum, also referred to as mace – Defense tool carried by JPOs when completing fieldwork.	Juvenile Justice
OCDEL	Office of Child Development and Early Learning -- A state program office within DHS which funds and regulates Early Intervention services from birth to age of beginners.	Early Intervention
OCYF	Office of Children, Youth, and Families (DHS)	Children & Youth
ODP	Office of Developmental Programs (previously OMR, Office of Mental Retardation): A state program office within Department of Human Services, which sets policy, allocates funds and administers services for persons with an intellectual disability.	Intellectual Disabilities
OJJDP	Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention	Juvenile Justice
OLTL	Office of Long-term Living	Area Agency on Aging
OMAP	Office of Medical Assistance Programs is a state-operated agency within the Department of Public Welfare that oversees the medical assistance program in Pennsylvania.	Behavioral Health
OMB	Office of Management and Budget (federal)	Behavioral Health
OMHSAS	Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services is a state-operated agency within the Department of Human Services that oversees the behavioral health implementation of HealthChoices.	Behavioral Health
OP	Outpatient is a type of clinic services provided in mental health and drugs & alcohol that are state licensed and often the first level of care to individuals, children and families in need to treatment.	Behavioral Health
OSS	Out-of-School Suspension	Education
OT	Occupational Therapy: EI service to address the functional needs of a young child designed to improve the child's ability to perform tasks in home, school, and community settings and include: adaptation of the environment; selection, design, and fabrication of assistive and orthotic devices to facilitate and promote functional skills.	Early Intervention
OVR	Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (State)	Behavioral Health

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PA CWRC	Pennsylvania Child Welfare Resource Center - offers training courses that Children and Youth staff must successfully complete in order to be eligible for certification. For caseworkers, it is 120 hours through nine courses and for supervisors 60 hours through five courses.	Children & Youth
PAC	Planning Advisory Committee: An advisory body to the Office of Developmental Programs. Members include consumers, families, advocates, providers, and county staff. The Planning Advisory Committee authored the Everyday Lives, Multi-Year Plan, and Waiting List Plan documents.	Intellectual Disabilities
PACDAA	Pennsylvania County Drug & Alcohol Administrators – A professional organization of SCA Administrators	Behavioral Health
PATH	Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness is a federally funded program to provide services and supports to persons with a serious mental illness and homeless.	Behavioral Health
PATH	Planning an Alternative Tomorrow with Hope is a person-centered planning tool in mental health and intellectual disability services to help individuals create a plan based upon their goals and desires with a supportive team.	Behavioral Health
PATHS	Promoting Alternative THinking Strategies is an evidence-based school curriculum for students K-5 grade that reduces aggression, acting out and improves a student’s ability to learn.	Behavioral Health
PC	Personal Care	Area Agency on Aging
PC	Provider Council: A council made up of representative of provider associations that provides OMR with feedback and recommendations, represents members, and facilitates communications with provider agencies.	Intellectual Disabilities
PCCD	Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency	Juvenile Justice Behavioral Health
PCH	Personal Care Home	Area Agency on Aging
PCIT	Parent Child Interaction Therapy - Evidence based behavioral therapy designed for children ages 2 1/2 to 7 years old with disruptive behavior disorder. PCIT incorporates learning theory, play therapy and behavior therapy. Trained therapists use specialized techniques to coach parents/caregivers to modify their child's behaviors. Appointments occur weekly for an hour in the therapy office/playroom for 16-20 weeks.	Behavioral Health
PCP	Person Centered Planning: A process which helps individuals identify how they want to live their lives and what supports they need to achieve their desired outcomes. Individuals choose people who are important in their lives to be part of the process.	Intellectual Disabilities
PCPA	Pennsylvania Community Providers Association	Behavioral Health
PD	Public Defender	Juvenile Justice
PDA	Pennsylvania Department of Aging	Area Agency on Aging
PDE	Pennsylvania Department of Education responsible for funding services for children three to age of beginners.	Education

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PELICAN	Pennsylvania's Enterprise to Link Information for Children Across Networks- statewide data system for Early Intervention reporting, documentation and record keeping.	Early Intervention
PFA	Protection from Abuse	Area Agency on Aging Behavioral Health
PFDS	Person/Family Directed Supports Waiver: A Federal Medicaid waiver that provides funding for services for individuals with Intellectual Disabilities that does not include residential services	Intellectual Disabilities
PH	Physical Health	Behavioral Health
PHP	Partial Hospitalization Program: a licensed program under the Department of Public Welfare, Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, that offers a full or half day of intensive therapy and supports to persons with a serious emotional disturbance and/or mental illness who need intensive interventions but not 24/7 care. (Behavioral Health) The provision of psychiatric, psychological, and other therapies on a planned and regularly scheduled basis. Partial hospitalization is designed for those consumers who would benefit from more intensive services than are offered in outpatient treatment programs but who do not require 24-hour inpatient care. This environment provides multi-modal and multi-disciplinary programming. Services consist of regularly scheduled treatment sessions a minimum of three days per week with a	Behavioral Health
PJ	President Judge	Juvenile Justice
POA	Power of Attorney	Area Agency on Aging
POC	Plan of Care is the service planning tool used to document the outcome	Behavioral Health
POMS	Performance/Outcome Management System (State reporting items). Performance Outcome Measures are how human service agencies measure the performance of their organization over time.	Behavioral Health
PPRT	Positive Practice Resource Team	Intellectual Disabilities
PRA	Parents Rights Agreement form- completed at evaluations, IFSP meetings, and other meetings that parents/guardians sign either in agreement or not with outlined services for Early Intervention, birth to 3 program	Early Intervention
PRN	As needed	Behavioral Health
PS	Protective Services	Area Agency on Aging
PSB	Problem Sexual Behavior	Behavioral Health
PSP	Pennsylvania State Police is the law enforcement authority in most rural jurisdictions in Pennsylvania. The State Police work collaboratively with human service agencies in emergencies, crisis, or other community events.	Behavioral Health
PSW	Protective Service Worker	Area Agency on Aging

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Psych	Psychiatrist/Psychiatric or psychological/psychologist should be further differentiated when used as an abbreviation. Psychiatrists are medical physicians with specialized training in the practice of psychiatry and the evaluations which document their assessment, diagnostic formation and recommendations are called psychiatric evaluations. A psychologist is a person completing at least a graduate degree in clinical psychology and licensed to conduct psychological evaluations and conduct treatment for mental disorders and emotional disturbances.	Behavioral Health
Pt	Patient	Behavioral Health
PTPN	Pennsylvania Tobacco Prevention Network	Behavioral Health
PUNS	Prioritization of Urgency of Need: Current process for categorizing a person's need for services.	Intellectual Disabilities
QA	Quality Assurance: A process in which service delivery to children and families is evaluated to assure best practice standards are met.	All
QIDDP	Qualified Intellectual & Developmental Disability Professional - this is an individual who meets the requirements under the PA code and performs the functions of intake, eligibility determination and registration for home and community services. This function is fulfilled by the Service Access Coordinator at the CMU.	Intellectual Disabilities
R/O	Rule Out is a term used in an evaluation to indicate that all the diagnostic criteria for a specific diagnosis were not met but review for fully meeting the criteria should be considered in future evaluations.	Behavioral Health
RADAR	Regional Alcohol and Drug Awareness Resources	Behavioral Health
RC	Resource Coordination – A level of mental health case management to persons with an assessed level of need and lack of supports that require face-to-face contact at least once every sixty for adults.	Behavioral Health
RC	Regional Coordinators: RC's are located in each regional office and are responsible for communications with counties, coordination of meeting logistics, facilitation and acting as subject matter experts.	Intellectual Disabilities
RC (D&A)	Resource Coordination – An additional level of case management, as defined by the SCA, that facilitates the access to available resources and retention in treatment and support services.	Behavioral Health
RTF	Residential Treatment Facility is a level of mental health treatment that provides 24/7 services in a non-hospital psychiatric settings. RTF services typically are recommended by an interagency team and through a psychiatric evaluation and demonstrates the severity of the needs and that resources in the community would not be effective in intensity and have been exhausted.	Behavioral Health
Rx	Prescription; scripts	Behavioral Health
SA	Service Authorization	Area Agency on Aging
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (Federal)	Behavioral Health
SAP	Student Assistance Program	Behavioral Health

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SC	Service Coordinator: The individual assigned to coordinate the planning and delivery of early intervention services to children and their families; also, locates, coordinates, and monitors services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities or the elderly	Area Agency on Aging Early Intervention Intellectual Disabilities
SCA	Single County Authority – Local entities responsible for program planning and the administration of federal and state-funded grants and contracts.	Behavioral Health
SCI	State Corrections Institute	Juvenile Justice
SCR	Shared Case Responsibility	Children and Youth Juvenile Justice
SCRAM	Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitoring	Juvenile Justice
SDFSCA	Safe & Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1994	Behavioral Health
SICC	State Interagency Coordinating Council: A state advisory group made up of parents and professionals to advise the Governor and the Departments about early intervention issues in Pennsylvania.	Early Intervention
SIS	Supports Intensity Scale	Intellectual Disabilities
SLP	Speech Therapy: EI service to a young child to identify communicative or swallowing disorders and delays in development; provision of services for the habilitation, rehabilitation or prevention of communicative or swallowing disorders and delays in development of communication skills.	Early Intervention
SMART	Specific, Manageable, Attainable, Realistic & Timely	Behavioral Health
SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly known as food stamps) Program administered through the County assistance office which provides financial assistance to purchase food for those who meet eligibility requirements.	All
SO	Service Order	Area Agency on Aging
SOC	System of Care is a philosophical framework defined as a comprehensive spectrum of mental health and other necessary services that are organized into a coordinated network to meet the multiple and changing needs of children and adolescents with serious emotional disturbance or mental illness and their families.	Behavioral Health Children & Youth Juvenile Justice
SORNA	Sex-offender Registration Notification Act - Adam Walsh Act - A juvenile adjudicated delinquent of certain sexual offenses needs to register in the national sex offender registry	Juvenile Justice
SPLC	Subsidized Permanent Legal Custodianship – A permanency goal established by ASFA in which the person(s) in a foster care role for more than six months can become the permanent custodians of a child in custody of the County Children and Youth Agency under certain circumstances.	Children & Youth
SPOC	Safe Plans of Care/Plans of Safe Care - Dauphin County Initiative collaborating with Drug and Alcohol, Early Intervention and the medical field to provide support and services to infants and their mothers when the infant is born affected by a substance.	Children & Youth
SSA	Social Security Administration	All

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SSDI	Social Security Disability Income: Federal cash benefits and Medicare coverage to people unable to work for a year or more because of disability.	Intellectual Disabilities
SSI	Supplemental Security Income: Monthly federal cash benefits for those with qualifying disability and income. Individuals that receive SSI get Medicaid and may also be eligible to get food stamps.	Behavioral Health Intellectual Disabilities
SSN	Social Security Number	Behavioral Health
STAP	Summer Therapeutic Activities Program is a type of behavioral health rehabilitation service funded by a BH-MCO for therapeutic summer activities in a community setting. Some STAP services are uniquely designed and approved for children with specific ages, diagnoses or geographical locations.	Behavioral Health
STU	Secure Treatment Unit	Juvenile Justice
SUD	Substance Use Disorder is the inability to control the use of a legal or illegal drug or medication. One continues to use the substance despite experiencing problems as a result.	Behavioral Health
SWAN	Statewide Adoption Network	Children & Youth
Sx	Symptoms is a term to describe the unique characteristics and/or behaviors that an individual exhibits.	Behavioral Health
SYC	Schaffner Youth Center – This is a shelter facility that houses youth placed by the Dauphin County Juvenile Probation Office or Dauphin County Children and Youth.	Juvenile Justice Children & Youth
SYNAR	Compliance check for underage tobacco sales	Behavioral Health
TA	Technical Assistance	Behavioral Health
TANF	Temporary Assistance to Needy Families - Cash assistance program through the office of income maintenance. Delivered through county assistance offices.	All
TATU	Teens Against Tobacco Use	Behavioral Health
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury	Behavioral Health
TCM/BCM	Targeted Case Management is a term used to describe case management	Behavioral Health
TF-CBT	Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy - Evidence based treatment for children and adolescents impacted by trauma and their parents and caregivers as well. The treatment combines elements of cognitive therapy and family therapy to help children overcome trauma related difficulties.	Behavioral Health
THC	Tetra Hydro Cannabinol – This is the active chemical in Marijuana.	Juvenile Justice
TPL	Third Party Liability refers to insurance benefits from sources other than medical assistance and County funding.	Behavioral Health

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TSS	Therapeutic Staff Support is a type of behavioral health rehabilitation service that is recommended by a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist and approved by the BH-MCO to address through a one-to-one intervention by a Bachelor's level trained mental health worker working under the supervision of a Master's level clinician. The outcome of the service should include behavioral improvements.	Behavioral Health
TTY	Text Telephone Typewriter	Behavioral Health
Tx	Treatment, Therapy	Behavioral Health
UDS	Urine Detection Screen	Behavioral Health
V/WAP	Victim/Witness Assistance Program – Agency responsible for advocating for the victims of crimes. Assists victims through the court process, restitution claims, and relaying the impact of the crime to the court.	Juvenile Justice
YDC	Youth Development Center	Juvenile Justice
YFC	Youth Forestry Camp	Juvenile Justice
YLS	Youth Level of Services - A risk assessment tool for juvenile offenders.	Juvenile Justice

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501(c)(3)	An IRS private non-profit corporation tax status code that many agencies contracted for services have this tax status; some agencies are for-profit corporations.	All
504 Plan	A legal document falling under the provisions of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. It is designed to plan a program of instructional services to assist students with special needs who are in a regular education setting. A 504 plan is not an Individualized Education Program (IEP) as is required for special education students; however, a student moving from a special education to a regular education placement could be placed under a 504 plan.	Education
Abatement	An approval to eliminate the collection of a consumer's liability.	Behavioral Health
Act 152	Non-hospital rehabilitation for MA clients in need of D & A services	Behavioral Health
Act 158	County Probation/Parole Officers Firearm Education and Training Commission & Certification	Juvenile Justice
Act 21	Sex Offender Assessment Board	Juvenile Justice
Act 211	Drug-free Schools and Communities Funding Act	Behavioral Health
Act 212	The Pennsylvania Early Intervention Services System Act of 1990 that created the entitlement to early intervention services for eligible children.	Early Intervention
Act 63	Drug & alcohol confidentiality laws	Behavioral Health
Adjudication	Adjudication Hearing – This hearing is to determine the guilt or innocence of a juvenile offender.	Juvenile Justice
Adult Day Service; Adult Development Training	A program which helps individuals with severe and/or multiple disabilities to develop and improve personal and vocational skill. Instruction areas may include communication, socialization, cognitive education, motor development, daily living skills, and community education and recreation. This may also be known as Adult Developmental Training.	Intellectual Disabilities
Adult Training Facility	A place where day supports are provided to adults who need help in developing skills, with meeting personal needs, and with basic daily activities.	Intellectual Disabilities
Advocacy	The process of being a proponent for consumers in helping to remove any obstacles that may prevent the consumer from obtaining necessary services.	Behavioral Health
Age of Beginners	The minimum age established by the school district that a child could attend first grade.	Early Intervention
Appeal	A request for reconsideration of an SCA's or Behavioral Health-Managed Care Organization's decision at progressive stages until a grievance is resolved.	Behavioral Health
Assessment	A face-to-face interview with a consumer to ascertain treatment needs through the development of a comprehensive confidential personal history.	Behavioral Health
Barrier	An impediment to accessing treatment and/or support services.	Behavioral Health

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Case Management (D&A)	A collaborative process between the consumer and case manager that facilitates the access to available resources and retention in treatment and support services while simultaneously educating the consumer in the skills necessary to achieve and maintain self-sufficiency and recovery from substance abuse disorders.	Behavioral Health
Coaching	The process of skill building through educating the consumer on appropriate behaviors and interactions. Techniques used in coaching include modeling, rehearsing interviews, and role-playing difficult or problematic situations with consumers.	Behavioral Health
Community Home/Community Living Arrangement (Group Home)	A home in the community in which care and support services are provided to one or more individuals. Services in the home include assistance in the activities of daily living that support a person's personal and intellectual development, physical and personal care, recreation and socialization in the community.	Intellectual Disabilities
Concurrent Review	A routine review validating the necessity for continued treatment.	Behavioral Health
Consolidated Waiver	A federal medicaid waiver that provides funding for services for individuals with Intellectual Disabilities that includes residential services	Intellectual Disabilities
Continued Stay Review	The process for reviewing the appropriateness of continued stay at a level of care and/or referral to a more appropriate level of care.	Behavioral Health
Core Indicators Survey	Part of a national initiative among states to capture common quality management metrics so that information can be shared between the participating states.	Intellectual Disabilities
County Administrators Advisory Committee	Committee created to provide ODP with guidance on behalf of the counties/joiners. Counties on the CAAC: Allegheny, Philadelphia, Bucks, Luzerne/Wyoming, Franklin/Fulton, Delaware, Beaver, Cameron/Elk/McKean, Bradford/Sullivan, York/Adams, and Lancaster.	Intellectual Disabilities
Credible	Web based computer system used by the Case Management Unit for documentation and record keeping.	Behavioral Health
Detention Standard	This term refers to the use of numeric "reasons to authorize a juvenile in detention."	Juvenile Justice
Direct File	Under certain conditions, juveniles are exempt from the juvenile justice system and go directly to the adult court.	Juvenile Justice
Disengagement	A progressive process that occurs over the course of a consumer's involvement in services during which he/she begins to rely less on the case manager and treatment services and more on his/her own abilities.	Behavioral Health
Disposition	Disposition Hearing – This hearing determines the consequences of a youth's actions. This hearing will be held after or in conjunction with the Adjudication Hearing.	Juvenile Justice

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Due Process	The legal procedure which guarantees a person's right to disagree, refuse, change, or permit recommended educational services, as part of procedural safeguards.	Early Intervention
Emergent Care	Those conditions related to detoxification, psychiatric, and perinatal/prenatal that require an immediate referral for services.	Behavioral Health
Engagement	The process through which the case manager and treatment provider establishes rapport with a consumer or potential consumer and their family.	Behavioral Health
Everyday Lives	Having a life which is typical of the general population and includes: being part of the community; living among family and friends but having the option of living alone; feeling safe and secure; having choice in life decisions; having control over one's life; having dignity and status; and being recognized for abilities and gifts.	Intellectual Disabilities
Founded Report (Child Abuse)	A child abuse report made under the CPSL if there has been any judicial adjudication based on a finding that a child who is a subject of the report has been abused, including the entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere or a finding of guilt to a criminal charge involving the same factual circumstances involved in the allegation of child abuse.	Children & Youth
Grievance	A verbal or written complaint by a consumer or their family regarding a decision made by an SCA or BH-MCO related to denial or termination of services, level of care determination, length of stay in treatment, determination of financial liability, or violation of the client's human or civil rights.	Behavioral Health
Halfway House	A community-based residential treatment and/or rehabilitation facility that provides services for chemically dependent persons in a supportive, chemical-free environment.	Behavioral Health
Health Care Financing Administration	Now called the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (see definition for Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services).	Intellectual Disabilities
Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)	HIPAA is Federal legislation passed in 1996 to regulate healthcare information and access related to the standardization of electronic data, the development of unique health identifiers, and security standards protecting confidentiality and the integrity of health information. HIPAA requires the development of standard transaction codes and security requirements to create a more simplified environment for processing medical claims. This act is being administered by CMS. Home and Community-Based Waiver services are included in the HIPAA legislation.	Behavioral Health Intellectual Disabilities
Health Risk Profile	Health Risk Profile: Instrument utilized by HCSIS and designed to screen the overall health of individuals that receive ID services.	Intellectual Disabilities
Human Services Research Institute	National organization that performs demographic studies of health services.	Intellectual Disabilities

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ID Diagnosis: Mild Intellectual Disability	A term used to describe the degree of intellectual disability present when intelligence test scores are 50-55 to approximately 70; many individuals who function at this level can usually master basic academic skill, whereas adults at this level may maintain themselves independently or semi-independently in the community.	Intellectual Disabilities
ID Diagnosis: Moderate Intellectual Disability	A term used to describe the degree of intellectual disability when intelligence test scores range from 35 or 40 to 50 or 55; may trainable individuals function at this level; such persons usually can learn self-help, communication, social, and simple occupational skills but only limited academic or vocational skills.	Intellectual Disabilities
ID Diagnosis: Profound Intellectual Disability	A term used to describe the degree of intellectual disability present when intelligence test scores are below 20 or 25; such persons require continuing and close supervision, but some may be able to perform simple self-help tasks; profoundly intellectually disabled persons often have other handicaps and require total life-support system for maintenance.	Intellectual Disabilities
ID Diagnosis: Severe Intellectual Disability	A term used to describe the degree of intellectual disability when intelligence test scores range from 20 or 25 to 35 to 40; such persons require continuing and close supervision but may perform self-help and simple work tasks under supervision; sometimes called dependent intellectual disabled.	Intellectual Disabilities
ID Diagnosis: Unspecified Intellectual	A term used when an intellectual disability is present, but there is great uncertainty about level.	Intellectual Disabilities
ID Supports: Community Supports	Services or organizations available within the individual's community. Example: YMCA, membership organizations, transportation services, job training services, advocacy groups, religious organizations, senior services, or adult education services.	Intellectual Disabilities
ID Supports: Natural Supports	Unpaid assistance to an individual. These supports can be provided by family and friends to move, go to the grocery store, carpool to work, or budget and pay bills.	Intellectual Disabilities
Inclusion	Finding ways to include children with disabilities in all activities available to children in a community and giving all children the same opportunities and choices about participation in any activity.	Education
Independent Living Program	A living situation in which there is no supervision and resident lives independently. For CYS/JJ: A placement program designed for older adolescents (ages 16 and above) which focuses on teaching life skills that will assist juveniles to reside on their own and typically has a component of decreased staff supervision and independent community reintegration.	Intellectual Disabilities Children & Youth Juvenile Justice

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Independent Monitoring Team	Team of individuals chosen to complete IM4Q monitoring survey. They are contracted by the county but are not county employees.	Intellectual Disabilities
Indicated Report (Child Abuse)	A child abuse report made under the CPSL if an investigation by the county agency or the Department determines that substantial evidence of the alleged abuse exists based on any of the following: (i) available medical evidence; (ii) the child protective service investigation; (iii) an admission of the acts of abuse by the perpetrator.	Children & Youth
Intellectual Disability	Having below average intellectual functions along with limitations in two or more of the following areas: communication, self-care, home living, social skills, functional academics, leisure, and work.	Intellectual Disabilities
Interagency Agreement	A written document between agencies in which responsibilities and operating procedures are defined. Our area has an interagency agreement on transition at the age of 3.	Early Intervention
JEREMY Project	Joint Efforts Reach and Energize More Youth (mental health transition project) is a service for teens and young adults with a serious emotional disturbance and/or mental illness in need of specialized supports in making the transition into adulthood.	Behavioral Health
Juvenile Act	Pennsylvania Law governing Juvenile Court and probation practices	Juvenile Justice
Kinship Care	A living situation in which the resident lives with a relative or guardian.	Children & Youth
Level of Care	Intensity and types of treatment services ranging from outpatient to medically-managed residential in the Drug & Alcohol and mental health systems.	Behavioral Health Intellectual Disabilities
Linking	This is the process by which case managers should refer consumers to available resources that best meet individual needs and support the completion of goals specified in the service plan. It is important to maintain a balance between linking the consumer to services and doing too much for the consumer.	Behavioral Health
Mediation	A process used to settle disputes between parents and school or program officials, involving a third party.	Early Intervention
Medicaid Waiver	A federal program that allows states to use Medicaid funds to provide home and community-based services as an alternative to ICF/ID and Nursing Home care. Selected federal program and funding rules are waived by the federal government in turn for specific state assurances to protect individual health and safety and to assure quality and financial accountability.	Intellectual Disabilities Early Intervention
Medically Managed Inpatient Detox	An inpatient health care facility that provides 24-hour medically directed evaluation and detoxification in an acute care setting.	Behavioral Health

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Medically Managed Inpatient Residential	An inpatient health care facility that provides 24-hour medically directed evaluation, care and treatment for consumers with co-existing bio-medical and/or psychiatric conditions and/or behavioral conditions that require frequent medical management. Such service requires immediate on-site access to nursing, specialized medical care, intensive medical care and physician care.	Behavioral Health
Medically Monitored Inpatient Detox	A residential facility that provides 24-hour professionally directed evaluation and detoxification of addicted consumers.	Behavioral Health
Medically Monitored Long-Term Residential	A residential facility that provides 24-hour professionally directed evaluation, care and treatment for consumers in chronic distress, whose addiction symptoms are demonstrated by moderate impairment of social, occupational or school functioning with rehabilitation as a treatment goal.	Behavioral Health
Medically Monitored Short-Term Residential	A residential facility that provides 24-hour professionally directed evaluation, care and treatment for consumers in acute distress, whose addiction symptoms are demonstrated by moderate impairment of social, occupational or school functioning with rehabilitation as a treatment goal.	Behavioral Health
Metro	Local law enforcement database	Juvenile Justice
MH Case Manager	The individual assigned to coordinate the planning and delivery of Mental Health services to children (over age three) and their families.	Behavioral Health
MHPA Commitment Section 201-202	MHPA Commitment Section 201-202 of the Mental Health Procedures Act pertains to voluntary admission to inpatient psychiatric treatment. A voluntary admission form is, in effect, a contract between the person and the treatment facility, usually containing a clause requiring the person to give 72-hour pre-notification prior to self-discharge.	Behavioral Health
MHPA Commitment Section 302	MHPA Commitment Section 302 of the Mental Health Procedures Act pertains to involuntary emergency psychiatric examination and treatment, usually granted through a process of petition to the County MH/A/DP Program Administrator, but sometimes invoked directly by peace officers and physicians. This type of action commits the person to an immediate examination by a physician at a designated facility. Results of this examination may require involuntary inpatient psychiatric hospitalization for a period not to exceed 120 hours.	Behavioral Health
MHPA Commitment Section 303	MHPA Commitment Section 303 of the Mental Health Procedures Act pertains to involuntary civil court commitment, granted through a process of petition and subsequent civil court hearing usually conducted by a court-appointed master (mental health review officer). An order granted through this process allows extension of an original 120-hour emergency commitment (302) for up to an additional 20 days.	Behavioral Health

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MHPA Commitment Section 304	MHPA Commitment Section 304 of the Mental Health Procedures Act pertains to involuntary civil court commitment granted through a process of petition and subsequent civil court hearing usually conducted by a court-appointed master (mental health review officer). An original 304 commitment order granted through this process allows involuntary treatment for a period not to exceed 90 days. A 304 commitment also may extend a prior Section 303 (20-day) commitment for up to an additional 90 days. Section 304 commitments may occur either for people who are not in hospital settings at the time of the action or for people who already have inpatient status through some other section of the Act.	Behavioral Health
Monitoring (D&A)	The process by which the case manager evaluates the progress toward the completion of goals identified in the service plan. Monitoring can include regular administration of the ISS, review and adjustment of the service plan, and the assessment of available community resources.	Behavioral Health
Multi-Year Plan	A strategy designed and utilized by the Office of Developmental Programs, with input from the PAC, to move its organization and the services it delivers towards a higher and a more efficient quality, self-determination, individual choice, better access to services and more community support.	Intellectual Disabilities
Natural Environment	A term used with infants and toddlers to identify settings that are natural or normal for the child's age peers who have no disability (usually the home and community, including child care). The mandate is that services for infants and toddlers be provided in the child's natural environment, unless justification is noted as to why this cannot occur.	Early Intervention
Occupational Therapy	EI service to address the functional needs of a young child designed to improve the child's ability to perform tasks in home, school, and community settings and include: adaptation of the environment; selection, design, and fabrication of assistive and orthotic devices to facilitate and promote functional skills.	Early Intervention
Outcomes	Child Protective Services Investigation Report used by Children and Youth Agencies to notify State Child Abuse Hotline of the outcome of a CPS investigation.	Children & Youth

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Partial Hospitalization Program	Partial Hospitalization Program is a licensed program under the Department of Public Welfare, Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, that offers a full or half day of intensive therapy and supports to persons with a serious emotional disturbance and/or mental illness who need intensive interventions but not 24/7 care. (Behavioral Health) Partial hospitalization is designed for those consumers who would benefit from more intensive services than are offered in outpatient treatment programs but who do not require 24-hour inpatient care. This environment provides multi-modal and multi-disciplinary programming. Services consist of regularly scheduled treatment sessions a minimum of three days per week with a minimum of 10 or more hours per week. (D&A)	Behavioral Health
PerformCare	PerformCare is a behavioral health-managed care organization operating in the Capital Region to manage behavioral health benefits for HealthChoices Medicaid recipients in the five counties of Dauphin, Cumberland, Perry, Lebanon, and Lancaster.	Behavioral Health
Perinatal	The time frame ranging from the 28th week of pregnancy to 28 days after birth.	Behavioral Health
Person Centered Planning	A process which helps individuals identify how they want to live their lives and what supports they need to achieve their desired outcomes. Individuals choose people who are important in their lives to be part of the process.	Intellectual Disabilities
Phase I	Safety Training that deals with mental preparedness and de-escalation skills	Juvenile Justice
Phase II	Physical defensive tactics and control tactics training	Juvenile Justice
Physical Therapy	EI service to address the promotion of sensory motor function of a young child through enhancement of musculoskeletal status, neurobehavioral organization, perceptual and motor development, cardiopulmonary status, and effective environmental adaptations. Prevention, alleviation, or compensation of movement dysfunction.	Early Intervention
Placement	A Court commitment for juveniles to any out-of-home residential program (to include short and long term programs, secure programs, etc).	Juvenile Justice
Prenatal	The time frame ranging from conception to the 28th week of pregnancy.	Behavioral Health
Progressive Disengagement	The planned and deliberate process by which a consumer is gradually discharged from services and attains self-sufficiency by achieving the goals of a service plan.	Behavioral Health
PROMISE	Medicaid billing system for ID claims	Intellectual Disabilities
Provider Council	A council made up of representative of provider associations that provides ODP with feedback and recommendations, represents members, and facilitates communications with provider agencies.	Intellectual Disabilities

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PUNS Category: Critical Need	Means a person needs service within two years. Some examples are when a person has an aging or ill caregiver who soon will be unable to continue providing support, there has been a death in the family or some other family crisis reducing the capacity of the caregiver to provide care, or a person has a single caregiver who would be unable to work if services are not provided.	Intellectual Disabilities
PUNS Category: Emergency Need	Means a person needs services immediately. An example of this is when there is a death in the family, and there is no other family member available to provide support.	Intellectual Disabilities
PUNS Category: Planning for Need	When a person's need for service is two to five years away. Examples of this are when a person is eligible for services, is not currently in need of services, but will need service if something happens; or the person or the family has expressed a desire to move; the person is living in a large setting and needs community services; or the person or caregiver wants increased supports.	Intellectual Disabilities
Regional Coordinators	Regional Coordinators are located in each regional office and are responsible for communications with counties, coordination of meeting logistics, facilitation and acting as subject matter experts.	Intellectual Disabilities
Regional Program Manager	The Director of each of the office of Intellectual Disabilities' four regional offices.	Intellectual Disabilities
Screening	The first step in identifying the presence or absence of alcohol or other drug use whereby data is collected on an individual in order to determine if a referral for emergency services is warranted.	Behavioral Health
Secure	General term used for all secure juvenile placements	Juvenile Justice
Self-Determination	A movement which gives persons receiving services more control and responsibility in choosing how they want to live their lives.	Intellectual Disabilities
Self-sufficiency	The point at which the consumer is able to maintain recovery efforts and service needs without the help of the case manager or significant support from other social service agencies.	Behavioral Health
Service Coordinator	The individual assigned to coordinate the planning and delivery of early intervention services to children and their families.	Early Intervention
Service Plan	A written plan of action outlining goals and objectives to address consumer needs.	Behavioral Health
Services & Supports Directory	This directory stores information about providers within the ID system and is accessible via the Internet by individuals, families, and advocates to research information about the providers and the services that they offer. The directory is intended to expand individuals' ability to make informed choices.	Intellectual Disabilities
Shelter	General term used for staff secure juvenile facilities that house youth pending court action	Juvenile Justice

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Speech Therapy	EI service to a young child to identify communicative or swallowing disorders and delays in development; provision of services for the habilitation, rehabilitation or prevention of communicative or swallowing disorders and delays in development of communication skills.	Early Intervention
State Operated Facility (ID)	A facility which is run under the direct auspices of the Office of Developmental Programs. They are: Ebensburg/Altoona, Hamburg, Polk, Selinsgrove, and White Haven.	Intellectual Disabilities
Supports Coordinator	Person who helps plan, locate, coordinate, and monitor supports and services for an individual and who informs individuals of and helps individuals exercise his/her rights. In Early Intervention, it is the individual assigned to coordinate the planning and delivery of intellectual disability services to children (over age 3) and their families.	Intellectual Disabilities
Tracking	Early Intervention service to a young child required by State regulations that meets one or more of the following criteria: under 3.5 pounds at birth; cared for in neo-natal intensive care unit; born to chemically dependent mother; seriously abused or neglected; or, confirmed high lead blood levels.	Early Intervention
Transition	The process of moving from one set of services to another as the unique needs of the child change. Frequently a transition to a new funding source and service provider occurs when early intervention children turn 3 years of age and at age of beginners.	Early Intervention
Triple P	Positive Parenting Program - an evidence based parenting and family support system designed to prevent – as well as treat – behavioral and emotional problems in children and teenagers.	Children & Youth
Unfounded Report (Child Abuse)	A report made under the CPSL unless the report is an indicated or founded report.	Children & Youth
Vendor	An entity that provides general goods or services. Distinguishing characteristics: Providing the goods/services within normal business operations, providing similar goods/services to many different purchasers, operating in a competitive environment, and program compliance requirements do not pertain to the goods or services provided.	Intellectual Disabilities