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120, 120 Hearing	Chapter 120 of the Florida admin code that deals with due process rights with decisions made by agents of the state
4C	Community Coordinated Care for Children (Community Services Council in Orlando, Contracts with ELCs in Orange, Osceola counties to oversee VPK, Headstart and School Readiness)
504 (Plan)	educational plan developed for child with disability that includes accomodations (federal law)
65c-10	Florida Administrative Code (rules) regarding child protective investigations (DCF is rulemaking authority) REPEALED, Replaced by 65c-29
65c-11	Florida Administrative Code (rules) regarding child protective services (DCF is rulemaking authority) REPEALED, Replaced by 65c-29
65c-12	Florida Administrative Code (rules) regarding emergency shelter care (DCF is rulemaking authority) REPEALED
65c-13	Florida Administrative Code (rules) for foster parent licensing (DCF is rulemaking authority)
65c-14	Florida Administrative Code (rules) regarding child-caring agency licensing (DCF is rulemaking authority)
65c-15	Florida Administrative Code (rules) regarding child-placing agencies (DCF is rulemaking authority)
65c-16	Florida Administrative Code (rules) regarding adoptions (DCF is rulemaking authority)
65c-28	Florida Administrative Code (rules) regarding out of home care (DCF is rulemaking authority)
65c-29	Florida Administrative Code (rules) regarding child protective investigations (DCF is rulemaking authority)
65c-30	Florida Administrative Code (rules) regarding general child welfare provisions (DCF is rulemaking authority)
65c-35	Florida Administrative Code (rules) regarding psychotropic medications for children in out of home care (DCF is rulemaking authority)
65c-41	Florida Administrative Code (rules) regarding extended foster care (DCF is rulemaking authority)
65c-42	Florida Administrative Code (rules) regarding Road to Independence (DCF is rulemaking authority)
65c-45	Florida Administrative Code (rules) regarding levels of licensure (DCF is rulemaking authority)
A/N	Abuse and/or Neglect
AAL	Attorney ad Litem (Note: plural is "Attorneys as Litem" ... possessive is "Attorney ad Litem's")
AARC	Adoption Application Review Committee
ABA	American Bar Association
ABA	Applied Behavioral Analysis
ACCESS	Program used by Economic Self-Sufficiency program to allow customers to connect with their public assistance info
ACE/ACES	Adverse Childhood Experiences
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ADJ	Adjudication
ADM	Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Office
ADR	Alternative Dispute Resolution
ADS	Affidavit of Diligent Search
AES	Adoption Exchange System
AFCARS	Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (national data collection)
AG	Office of Attorney General (acts as CLS in some counties)
AHCA	Agency for Health Care Administration
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
ALJ	Administrative Law Judge
AP	Absent Parent (Not recommended, careful with context can mean "adoptive parent" or "alleged perpatrator")
AP	Adoptive Parent (Not recommended, careful with context can mean "absent parent" or "alleged perpatrator")
AP	Alleged Perpetrator (Not recommended, careful with context can mean "absent parent" or "adoptive parent")
APD	Agency for Persons with Disabilities
APE	Adapted Physical Education
APHSA	American Public Human Services Association
APPLA	Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

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APS	Adult Protective Services
ARIS	Abuse Reporting Information Services
ARS	Adoption & Related Services
ASA	Assistant State Attorney
ASFA	Adoption & Safe Families Act
ASL	American Sign Language
AT	Assistive Technology
ATC	Adoption Tax Credit
ATTY	Attorney
BA	Behavior Analyst
BA OR BA-52	Baker Act (Involuntary Commitment for mental health; up to 72 hours)
BASP	Behavior Analysts Services Program
BBCBC	Big Bend Community Based Care
BD	Behavior Disorder
BD	Bio Dad or Birth Dad (informal, generally on social media discussions between foster parents)
BFP	Brevard Family Partnership (CBC Circuit 18)
BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs
BIP	Batterers Intervention Program/Plan
BM	Bio Mom or Birth Mom (informal, generally on social media discussions between foster parents)
BSHCN	Federal Bureau of Special Health Care Needs
BSIU	Background Screening and Investigation Unit
BSW	Bachelor's of Social Work
C-#	Judicial Circuit (i.e. C-6 or C6 = Circuit 6) Florida has 20 judicial circuits, most consist of multiple counties.
CAC	Community Advisory Committee on Special Education
CAC	Children's Advocacy Center. In many counties, provides forensic examinations and interviews for allegations of child abuse, and provides therapy for sexually abused children and non-offending parents.
CAM	Child Advocate Manager (part of the GAL office)
CAP	Corrective Action Plan
CAPTA	Child Abuse Prevention Treatment Act
CASA	"Court Appointed Special Advocate" (Florida uses term Guardian Ad Litem (GAL))
CASE	Community Alliance for Special Education
CATT	Child to Adult Transition Team
CBC	Community Based Care
CBCCF, CBCCFL	Community Based Care of Central Florida (CBC serving circuits 9 and 18; Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties)
CBHA	Comprehensive Behavioral Health Assessment
CBT	Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
CBT	Competency Based Training
CD	Chemical Dependency
CDRT	Child Death Review Team
CE	Continuing Education
CEC	Continuing Education Credits
CEU	Continuing Education Units (Credits)
CFOP, OP	Children and Families Operating Procedures
CFSR	Child and Family Services Review
CFWB	Child and Family Well-Being
CH	Child
CHAMPs	Children Need Amazing Parents; a national communications and policy campaign focused on quality parenting (Part of QPI program)
Chapter 39	Florida Statute relating to children
Chapter 409	Florida Statutes regulating social & economic assistance (also outlines CBC and DCF duties and accountability)

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Chapter 63	Florida Statutes regulating Adoption
CHN	Children's Home Network
Chrono	Chronological Notes
CHS	Children's Home Society (child welfare services provider across the state of Florida, services vary by area)
CIC	Child in Care
CIO	Chief Information Officer
CIP	Court Improvement Program/Continuous Improvement Program
CIRRT	Critical Incident Rapid Response Team (Multidisciplinary team from DCF that investigates child fatalities)
CIS	Client Information System
CJC	Child Justice Center
CJIS	Criminal Justice Information Services
CLS	Children's Legal Services (Attorney)
CM	Case Manager
CMA	Case Management Agency (same as CMO)
CMAT	Children's Multidisciplinary Team
CMH	Children Mental Health
CMO	Case Management Organization
CMS	Children's Medical Services
CN or CNI	ChildNet, Inc. Broward and Palm Beach (CBC, Circuits 15 & 17)
CNSWFL	Children's Network Southwest Florida (CBC in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties; Circuit 20)
CoF	Circle of Friends - http://www.cofsfl.org/index.php
CoP	Circle of Parents
CP	Cerebral Palsy
CP	Case Plan
CPA	Child Placing Agency
CPC	Community Partnership for Children
CPC	Case Planning Conference
CPC	Child Protection Center
CPI	Child Protective Investigator
CPIS	Child Protective Investigator Supervisor
CPP	Child Parent Psychotherapy (ist)
CPS	Child Protection Specialist
CPT	Child Protection Team
CQI	Continuous Quality Improvement (process)
CRC	Case Review Committee
CRP	Citizen Review Panel
CS	Courtesy Supervision
CSA	Abuse Report/Child Safety Assessment
CSA	Caregiver Support Agency
CSC	Children's Service Council; special taxing district under FS Ch 125 and the agencies created to manage funds and services for the needs of children in that community
CSE	Child Support Enforcement
CSEC	Commercial Sexual Exploitation of a Child (Human Trafficking)
CSFR	Child and Family Services Review
CSP	Child Support Program (Formerly CSE - Child Support Enforcement)
CSM	Caregiver Support Manager
CSU	Crisis Stabilization Unit
CTF	Client Trust Fund
CTS	Case Transfer Staffing
CV	Child Victim

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CW	Caseworker
CWLS	Child Welfare Legal Services
CWPMHP	Child Welfare Prepaid Mental Health Plan
CWSP	Child Welfare Specialty Plan
Cx	Child/Children
D&A	Drug and Alcohol (Not recommended, only useful in print, verbally challenging as it sounds like "DNA")
D&E	Diagnostic & Evaluation
DA	District Administrator
DB	Deaf/Blind
DCA	District Court of Appeals
DCF, The Department	Florida Department of Children & Families
DCIC	Dependency Court Improvement Council/Committee
DCM	Dependency Case Manager
DCMS	Dependency Case Manager Supervisor
DD	Developmental Disability
DFL	Directions For Living (a social services provider in the Tampa Bay Area with focus on mental health; also a CMO in Pinellas County)
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services
DIS	Designated Instruction and Services
Dispo	Dispositional hearing
DJJ	Florida Department of Juvenile Justice
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid (Molecular level of blood that contains genetic information, used for paternity/relative testing)
DOAH	Administrative Hearings (120 Hearing) - Acronym stands for Division of Administrative Hearings
DOB	Date of Birth
DOC	Department of Corrections
DOD	Date of Death
DOE	U.S. Department of Education
DOH	Department of Health (usually reference to the state or local entity, federal is HHS or Dept of Health and Human Services)
DOR	Florida Department of Revenue
DPM	District Program Manager
DQM	Data Quality Management
DREDF	Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund
DS	Developmental Services
DSM	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (currently in 5th edition so sometimes DSM-5); official US classifications for diagnoses of disorders
DTF	Diversity Task Force (Not recommended, there are other informal uses of this acronym that are sexual in nature)
DV	Domestic Violence
DV	Domestic Violence
DVRA	Domestic Violence Risk Assessment
E-MAS	Extended Maintenance Adoption Subsidy
EBP	Evidence Based Practice
ECA	Eckerd Community Alternatives (former name of Eckerd Kids CBCs in Tampa Bay Area) - No longer in service as CBC effective 2023
ECC	Early Childhood Court
ED	Emotionally Disturbed
EFC	Extended Foster Care/Enhanced Foster Care
EH	Emotionally Handicapped
EHS	Early Head Start (school readiness program)

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EI	Early Intervention
ELC	Early Learning Coalition, local branch of Florida's office of Early Learning; oversees VPK and school readiness programs (including child care assistance funding)
ELL	English Language Learner (previously ESL)
EMH	Emotionally & Mentally Handicapped
EPSDT	Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, Treatment
ER	Emergency Room
ERAT	Emergency Response Assessment Team
ES	Emergency Shelter
ESI	Early Services Intervention
ESS	Economic Self-Sufficiency (public assistance program)
ESSA	Every Student Succeeds Act, Federal education legislation passed in Dec. 2015, updates/replaces No Child Left Behind in many cases.
ESY	Extended School Year
EYA	Eckerd Youth Alternatives (One of many names of former CBC "Eckerd," formerly served in circuits 6 & 13)
FAC	Florida Administrative Code, documents how state agencies apply statutes
FAF	Fostering Achievement Fellowship
FAHIS	Florida Abuse Hotline Information System
FAPA	Foster and Adoptive Parent Association
FAPE	Free and Appropriate Public Education
FAS	Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
FASD	Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders
FAST	Foster Allegations Support Team
FBA	Functional Behavioral Assessment
FBCH	Florida Baptist Children's Home (service provider and CMO in many areas of state)
FBO	Faith Based Organization
FC	Foster Care
FC	Foster child (tends to be more casual use, i.e. among foster parents on closed social media groups)
FCC	Florida Coalition for Children (Comprised of various CBCs and child welfare provider agencies)
FCM	Family Care Manager
FCP	Family Centered Practice
FD	Foster daughter (tends to be more casual use, i.e. among foster parents on closed social media groups)
FDLE	Florida Department of Law Enforcement
FDLRS	Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resources System
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
FF	Family Finding/Family Finders
FFA	Family Functioning Assessment
FFCPBC	Friends of Foster Children Palm Beach County (Foster & Adoptive Parent Association)
FFH	Family Foster Home
FFN	Families First Network
FH	Foster Home
FHD	Foster Home Development (Licensing)
FICW	Florida Institute for Child Welfare - http://ficw.fsu.edu/
FIP	Family Integrity Program -St. Johns County Bd. of Commissioners (CBC, Circuit 7)
FLCFSR	Florida Child and Family Service Review
FLAC	Florida Local Advocacy Council
FLAG	Family Law Advisory Group
FMLA	Family Medical Leave Act (Federal law regarding unpaid family leave)
FP	Foster Parent(s)
FPA	Foster Parent Association (see also FAPA, FSFAPA & NFPA)

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FS	Foster son (tends to be more casual use, i.e. among foster parents on closed social media groups)
FS	Florida Statutes
FSA	Family Safety Alliance
FSC	Family Services Counselor (term used in place of "case manager" or "case worker" in some agencies)
FSFAPA	Foster State Foster/Adoptive Parent Association (see also FPA & NFPA)
FSFN	Florida Safe Families Network - State controlled database of all case related information
FSPT	Family Services Planning Team
FSS	Family Support Services (CBC in circuits 4 & 6)
FST	Family Services Team
FSW	Family Support Worker
FSYR	Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches
FTC	Family Treatment Court
FTF/F2F	Face to Face
FTM	Family Team Meeting
FTT	Failure to Thrive (common diagnosis for children coming into the system, generally associated with undersize, underweight and/or behind on development)
FVS	Family Voluntary Services
Fx	Father
FY	Fiscal Year (Child welfare operates on government fiscal year; July 1-June 30)
FYLA	Florida Youth Leadership Academy
GAL	Guardian ad Litem (Note: plural is "Guardians ad litem;" possessive is "Guardian ad Litem's")
GAP	Guardianship Assistance Program
GF (GF!)	Go Foster! (online support groups)
GFx	Grandfather
GH	Group Home
GMx	Grandmother
Gulf Coast JFCS	Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services
HB	House Bill (Federal or State legislation)
HCFPA	Hillsborough County Family Partnership Alliance (Foster & Adoptive Parent Association)
HCICA	Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption (Netherlands); governs international adoptions between US and 75 countries, implemented by IAA
HFC	Heartland For Children (CBC in Polk, Hardee & Highlands counties - Circuit 10)
HHS	US Department of Health and Human Services, Cabinet level agency (federal iteration of "health department")
HI	Hearing Impaired
HIPPA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996; often cited for rules establishing data privacy and safeguarding of data
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus (the virus which leads to AIDS)
HKI	Hillsborough Kids Inc (former Tampa CBC)
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization
HOH	Hard of Hearing
Hotline	Child Abuse Hotline
HS	Home Study
HS	Head Start (school readiness program/education)
HV	Home Visit
I&P	Intake & Placement
IAA	Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000, federal law enacting Hague Convention of Intercountry Adoptions in US
ICAMA	Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance
ICCP	Intensive Crisis Counseling Program
ICP	Initial Case Plan
ICPC	Interstate Compact for Placement of Children

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ICSA	Initial Child Safety Assessment
ICWA	Indian Child Welfare Act
ICWSIS	Integrated Child Welfare Services Information System
ID	Intellectual Disability (to replace MR)
IDEA	Federal law; Individuals with Disabilities Act of 2004
IDS	Initial Decision Summary
IEE	Independent Educational Evaluation
IEP	Individualized Education Plan/Program (under Federal Individuals with Disabilities Act of 2004)
IEPA	Interethnic Adoption Provisions of 1996 (Federal legislation that removed many hurdles to adoptions across ethnicities)
IES	Information & Eligibility Specialist
IFPS	Intensive Family Preservation Services
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan
IG	Inspector General (Internal compliance inspector within DCF and many other state agencies)
IL	Independent Living
ILP	Independent Living Program
ILS	Independent Living Services
IPP	Individual Program Plan (Regional Center)
IR-3	IR-3 Visa for intercountry adoption (completed abroad)
IR-4	IR-4 Visa for intercountry adoption (to be finalized in the US)
IRAS	Incident Reporting and Analysis System
IRS	Internal Revenue Service (federal)
ISS	International Social Services
ITP	Individual Transition Plan
IV-B	Portion of the social security act whose monies are used for services related to prevention of and response to child abuse and neglect
IV-E	Title IV-E funds (Social Security Administration): Federal funds that provide primary funding for social welfare programs and policies
IV-E (Title IV-E)	Part of the Social Security Act; The major source of federal funds for child welfare, specifies eligibility and allowable use of funds
JAC	Justice Administrative Commission
JAC	Juvenile Assessment Center
JDC	Juvenile Detention Center
JJ	Juvenile Justice
JJIS	Juvenile Justice Information Services
JR	Judicial Review
JRSSR	Judicial Review and Social Study Report (filed by Case Manager)
JTT	Just in Time Trainings
JWB	Juvenile Welfare Board (Childrens Service Council in Pinellas County)
KCI	Kids Central Inc. (CBC in Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion and Sumter counties - Circuit 5)
KFF	Kids First of Florida, Inc. (CBC in Clay County, Circuit 4)
LCSW	Licensed Clinical Social Worker
LD	Learning Disability
LE/ LEO	Law Enforcement/ Law Enforcement Officer
LEA	Local Education Agency
LEO	Law Enforcement Officer
LEP	Limited English Proficient
Level 1	Relative/Nonrelative Foster Homes
Level 2	Traditional Foster Homes
LGBTQ	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer

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LMHC	Licensed Mental Health Clinician
LOC	Level of Care Staffing
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
LSF	Lake Sumter Families - foster adoptive parent association for Lake and Sumter Counties
LSF	Lutheran Services Florida (CMO or service provider; provides case management in Pinellas County)
MAPP	Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting (one Foster Parent preservice training option)
MAS	Maintenance Adoption Subsidy
MBI	Manifest Best Interest Hearing
MCR	Missing Child Report
MD	Multiple Disabilities
MDCFAPA	Miami Dade County Foster Adoptive Parent Association
MDT	Multidisciplinary Team (also MDT Staffing)
ME	Managing Entity
ME	Medical Examiner
MEPA	Multiethnic Placement Act
MGF/MGFx	Maternal Grandfather
MGM/MGMx	Maternal Grandmother
MGP	Maternal Grandparents
MH	Mental Health
MH	Multiple Handicapped
MIBH	Manifest Best Interest Hearing
Misd	Misdemeanor
MJV	My Jump Vault
MO	Month
MR	Mental Retardation
MRC	Multidisciplinary Review Committee (formally FSPT & CRC)
MS	Multiple Sclerosis
MSW	Master's of Social Work
MTAM	Master Trust Account Manager
MTF	Master Trust Fund (Account for holding benefit funds for child in care; generally Social Security or SSI; can be child support, Veteran's benefits etc.)
MTSS	Multi-Tiered System of Support Process (part of IEP/504 federal education laws)
Mx	Mother
NACAC	North American Council on Adoptable Children
NAMI	National Alliance for the Mentally Ill
NAS	Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (group of problems that occur in newborns opiate exposed prior to birth)
NCANDS	National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System
NCIC	National Crime Information Center
NCJFCJ	National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
NCLB	No Child Left Behind, passed 2002, generally superseded by ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act in 2015)
NCMEC	National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
NCSC	National Center for State Courts
NFPA	National Foster Parent Association
NICU	Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit
NIH	National Institute of Health (part of US Dept of Health and Human Services)
NIMH	National Institute for Mental Health (part of National Institute of Health under US Dept. of Health and Human Services); researches mental health disorders
NPA	Nonpublic Agency
NPS	Nonpublic School (private)
NYDT	National Youth in Transition Survey

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OAG	Office of the Attorney General (Acts as CLS in some counties)
OAH	Office of Administrative Hearings
OCI	Office of Court Improvement
OCR	U.S. Office for Civil Rights
OCS	On-Campus Suspension
OCS	Out of County Services
ODD	Oppositional Defiance Disorder
OEL	Office for Early Learning
OEO	Office of Equal Opportunity / CDE
OHC	Out of Home Care
OHI	Other Health Impaired
OHU	One Hope United
OI	Orthopedically Impaired
OK	Our Kids Miami-Dade/Monroe, Inc. (FORMER CBC, Circuits 11 & 16)
OOH, OOHC	Out of Home Care (also OHC)
OPA	Operations Program Administrator
OPHA	Other Parent Home Assessment
ORC	Office of Regional Counsel
OSCA	Office of the State Courts Administrator
OSEP	U.S. Office of Special Education Programs / DOE
OSERS	U.S. Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Programs
OT	Occupational Therapy/Therapist
OT/PT	Occupational Therapy/Physical Therapy
OTI	Out of Town Inquiry
P4P	Parents for Parents program
Pa	Parent
PA	Performance Agreement
PA	Program Administrator
PA	Parent Ally
PAI	Protection and Advocacy, Inc.
PCFAPA	Pinellas County Foster and Adoptive Parent Association, Pasco County Foster And Adoptive Parent Association
PCIT	Parent-Child Interactive Therapy
PD	Police Department
PD	Public Defender
PD	Program Director
PDA	Present Danger Assessment
PDC	Professional Development Center
PDD	Pervasive Developmental Disorder
PDR	Pre-Dispositional Report
PDS	Predisposition Study
PE, Psych Eval	Psychological Evaluation
PESS	Post Secondary Education and Support Services
PF	Protective Factor (risk factor for abuse/safety of child or caregiver's ability to protect/bond with child), used in investigations/removals
PFFC	Preserving Families and Fostering Connections
PFSS	Partnership for Strong Families (CBC in Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Taylor, Baker, Suwanee and Union counties; Circuit 3 & 8)
PG	Permanent Guardianship
PGF/PGFx	Paternal Grandfather
PGM/PGMx	Paternal Grandmother

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PGP	Paternal Grandparents
PHN	Public Health Nurse
PIP	Program Improvement Plan/Performance Improvement Plan
PL	Public Law
PO	Probation Officer or Police Officer
POA	Program Operations Administrator
POS	Purchase of Service(s) agreement
PP	Parent Partner
PPS	Post-Placement Supervision
PRIDE	Parent Resource for Information Development Education (an option for Foster Parent preservice training; alternative to MAPP)
PS	Protective Services or Protective Supervision
PSF	Partnership for Strong Families
PSRS	Procedural Safeguards and Referral Services / CDE
PSS	Placement Support Staffing
PSSF	Promoting Safe and Stable Families program/legislation (federal)
PT	Physical Therapy/Therapist
PTI	Parent Training and Information Center
PTSD	Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
PU	Progress Update
PWN	Prior Written Notice
Px	Parent
QA	Quality Assurance (Can also be for a Quality Assurance Review)
QE	Qualified Evaluator
QPI	Quality Parenting Initiative
QPT	Quality Parenting Training (a foster parent pre-service training, alternative to MAPP; may also be used as generic term for any QPI training)
R&R	Rights & Responsibilities
RA	Risk Assessment
RAD	Reactive Attachment Disorder
RAP	Refugee Assistance Program
RCF	Relative Caregiver Funds
RCP	Relative Caregiver Program
RDC	Remote Data Capture
RFA	Request for Assistance/Action
RGC	Residential Group Care
RGC	Residential Group Care
RMD	DCF Regional Managing Director
RSF	Rapid Safety Feedback
RSP	Resource Specialist Program
RTC	Residential Treatment Center
RTI	Response to Intervention
RTI	Road to Independence (the old IL program)
Rule	Usually refers to Florida Administrative Code, documenting how state agencies will implement state statutes
RVP	Regional Vice President (Florida State Foster Adoptive Parent Association representative designated to an area of the state)
SA	Sexual Abuse (not recommended to use except in close conversation, i.e. to avoid using term in front of child due to confusion with "Substance Abuse")
SA	State Attorney (State Attorney's Office acts as CLS in some counties)
SA	Substance Abuse

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SAMH	Substance Abuse Mental Health
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
SAO	State Attorney's Office (acts as Childrens Legal Services - CLS - in some circuits in Florida)
SATP	Sexual Abuse Treatment Program
SB	Senate Bill (Federal or State legislation)
SBS	Shaken Baby Syndrome
SCC	Safe Children Coalition (former Pinellas Pasco CBC, still in Manatee, Sarasota)
SCC	Self-contained Classroom
SCF	Super Cool Foster (Facebook Support Group program of Go Foster!)
SCHIP	State Children's Health Insurance Program (under Title XXI of Social Security Act) federal funded plan administered by each state
SDC	Special Day Class
SDE	State Department of Education
SDMM	Safety Decision Making Methodology
SEA	State Education Agency
SED	Severely Emotionally Disturbed
SELPA	Special Education Local Plan Area
SEN	Substance Exposed Newborn
SERR	"Special Education Rights and Responsibilities" book
SFFAPA	South Florida Foster Adoptive Parent Association
SH	Severely Handicapped
SIDS	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
SIPP	Statewide Inpatient Psychiatrist Placement/Program
SLD	Specific Learning Disability
SLI	Speech/Language Impaired
SLP	Speech Language Pathologist
SMS	Safety Management Services
SNA	Special Needs Adoption
SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly food stamps)
SO	Sheriffs Office (often preceded by letters representing jurisdiction; i.e. PCSO could be Pinellas County Sheriffs Office ... or Pasco, Polk, Putnam etc.)
SOC	Systems of Care
SP	Safety Plan
SPED	Special Education
SPOA	Single Point of Access
SRQ	Sarasota County
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSDI	Social security disability insurance (or income) payments for disability
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
SSN	Social Security Number
SST	Student Study Team
STAR	California's Standard Testing and Reporting
STFC	Specialized Therapeutic Foster Care
STFH	Specialized Therapeutic Foster Home
STGH	Specialized therapeutic group home
SUD	Substance Use Disorder
SW	Social Worker
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
TBOSS	Therapeutic Behavioral On Site Services

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TBRI	Trust-Based Relational Interventions (an emerging intervention model for a wide range of childhood behavioral problems)
TCM	Targeted Case Manager
TF-CBT	Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
TFC	Therapeutic Foster Care (sometimes STFC - adds "Specialized")
TFH	Therapeutic Foster Home (sometimes STFH - adds "Specialized")
TGC	Therapeutic Group Care
TGH	Therapeutic Group Home
TIC	Trauma Informed Care
Title IV-E	Part of the Social Security Act; The major source of federal funds for child welfare, specifies eligibility and allowable use of funds
Title XIX, XIX	Portion of the Social Security Act that establishes Medicaid as well as related funding and regularions
TPR	Termination of Parental Rights
TSS	Transitional Support Services
Tx	Treatment/Therapy
UA	Urine Analysis / urinalysis (drug testing)
UCCJEA	Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act
UFC	Unified Family Courts
UHS	Unified Home Study
UM	Utilization Management
UMCH	United Methodist Children's Home; service provider or case management agency in many areas of state
USCIS	U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
USDA	US Dept. of Agriculture
VC	Victim Child
VI	Visually Impaired
VPK	Voluntary PreKindergarten Education (administered by local Early Learning Coalitions - ELC)
VPS	Voluntary Protective Services
WIC	Women, Infants & Children Program
WRAP	Wraparound Services
WWK	Wendy's Wonderful Kids
XIX (Title XIX)	Portion of the Social Security Act that establishes Medicaid as well as related funding and regularions
YFA	Youth & Family Alternatives (CMO, provides case management in Pasco, Hernando and Citrus counties)
YLC	Youth Law Center (started QPI, involved in many child welfare initiatives)
YSS	Youth Support Services
YTM	Youth Transition Meeting
YTT	Youth Transition Team