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"CPS JARGON"
OR
COMMON ABBREVIATIONS
as of June 2003....to be continued

4 C's	Children's Crisis Care Center
AAMA	Assoc. for the Advancement of Mexican American
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
AED	Automated External Defibrillation, used in CPS Clinic
AD LITEM	Attorney appointed by the court to represent a party
ADJ	adjudicated: Court Ruling
AG	Attorney General
APS	Adult Protective Services
ARIF	Administrative Review of Investigation Findings
AVDA	Aid for Victims of Domestic Abuse
BCS	Battered Child Syndrome
BEAR	BE A Resource for CPS Kids, resource room
BJN	Budgeted Job Number
BSD	Basic Skill Development
BTH	Ben Taub General Hospital
CAC	The Children's Assessment Center
CAPS	Children and Adult Protective Services, statewide computer system, replaces CRIMS, FACTS, CANRIS, & SSMS tracking systems. See IMPACT
CASA	Court Appointed Special Advocates, called Child Advocates in Harris County
CCJ	Court of Continuing Jurisdiction
CCL	Child Care Licensing, program of FPS
CHINS	Child IN Need Of Supervision-Legal adjudication of delinquent children
CIA	(Central Index Areas) Central files/data entry
CPS in Harris County	Refers to both HCPS and FPS caseworkers
CPD	Children's Protective Division of County Attorneys Office
CPS	Child Protective Services or County Protective Services
CPSS	Child Protective Services Specialist
CRC	Chimney Rock Center
CRCG	Community Resource Coordination Group
CYD	Community Youth Development
CYS	Community Youth Services
CVS	Conservatorship-Protective Custody
DA	District Attorney or District Administrator
DC	District Court or Day Care

DCC	DePelchin Children's Center
DHS	Department of Human Services
DPRS	see PRS or FPS
DSU	Diligent Search Unit
EBT	Electronic Benefit Transfer (formerly food stamps or Lone Star Card)
ECP	"Spindeltop" Exceptional Care Program at CRC (sometimes referred to as "ECU.")
ESCAPE Family Resource Center	Prevention Agency, supported by community & Exchange Club of Houston
FBSS	Family-Based Safety Services, also Family Preservation
Family Preservation Services	Children served in their on homes, usually not in conservatorship of agency
FH	Foster Home
FHD	Foster Home Development
FOC	Family Outreach Center
FPS	Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, see PRS
FSC	Family Service Center
FTT	Failure To Thrive
GAL	GUARDIAN AD LITEM , A person appointed by Court to advise as to best interest of a party for the purposes of that suit.
HAP	Houston Achievement Place
HCAD	Houston Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse
HCGP	Harris County Guardianship Program
HCPS	Harris County Protective Services for Children and Adults, 31 county staff, programs include Clinic, 4C's, BEAR, Shelter TRIAD Prevention Program, Guardianship Program, PAL, CY & CRC. Previously know as HCCPS or Children's Protective Services
HCCPS Fund	A private sector organization in partnership with HCPS to raise money for children's needs.
HCJP	Harris County Juvenile Probation
Healthy Families	non-profit doing prevention; serves as Child Abuse Prevention Network
HCPC	Harris County Psychiatric Center
HISD	Houston Independent School District
HPD	Houston Police Department
HQS/HQTS	Headquarters
HV	Home Visit
IA	Initial Assessment, investigation or evaluation of child's situation
ICPC	Interstate Compact on Placement of Children: Laws for regulating the placement of children between states
ICWA	Indian Child Welfare Act: Federal law regulating placement and custody of children of Native American heritage

- IFPS**
Intensive Family Preservation Services, select families served to prevent taking custody.
- IMA**
Inter-regional Managing Attorney
- IMPACT**
Information Management Protecting Adults and Children in Texas new FPS tracking system, replaces CAPS, which replaced CRIMS
- IN-HOME SERVICES**
- LD**
FACTS, CANRIS, & SSMS
see Family Preservation
- LOC**
Learning Disabled
- LIPS**
Level of Care
- LBJ**
Legal Information Process Sheet; document requesting the legal department to initiate any type of legal action
- OPS**
Lyndon Baines Johnson Hospital
- OTI**
Code indicating case had been open for services
- OV**
Out of Town Inquiries: Specialized unit in Harris County
- MAPP**
Office Visit or Oldest Victim
- MHMRA**
Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting, replaced by PRIDE
- NSUP**
Mental Health Mental Retardation Authority
- PA**
Neglectful Supervision
- PAL**
Parents Anonymous
- PC**
Preparation for Adult Living
- PET**
Possessor Conservator
- PD**
Petition
- PIO**
Program Director
- PMC**
Public Information Officer
- POE**
Permanent Managing Conservator
- PPT**
Point of Entry
- P&R**
Permanency Planning Team, for every child in cvs.
- PSTI**
Placement and Removal
- PHAB**
Protective Services Training Institute, a consortium of The U. of Texas in Austin, The U. of Texas in Arlington and U. of H.
- PHNG**
Physical Abuse
- PRIDE**
Physical Neglect
- PRS**
Parent Resources for Information, Development and Education Will replace MAPP. Foster Parent training
- PSCC**
Texas Department of Protective & Regulatory Services, i.e. CPS APS & Day Care programs. 755 CPS staff in Harris County. as of Sept. 1 2003 will be FPS.
- PSHV**
Protective Service Collateral Contact
- PI or PII**
Protective Service Home Visit
- RA**
Priorities assigned a case indicating the time frame contact must be initiated
- RAPR**
Regional Attorney
- Refusal to Accept Parental Responsibility**

RCCL	Residential Child Care Licensing
RD	Regional Director
Region 6	13 county area, includes Harris, under PRS
ROMP	Resource Outcome Management Project
RTB	Reason To Believe
SIJS	Special Immigrant Juvenile Status
SMART	Structured Model for Assessing Risk in Texas
STARS	"Services to At-Risk Youth"
STATUS OFFENDERS	Youth who have committed an offense due to their status; runaway, truant, curfew violations.
SUBCARE	substitute care stage for child in paid placement in custody
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
SN	School Nurse
SV	School Visit
TANF	Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
TC	Telephone Call
TCH	Texas Children's Hospital
TEC	see TWC
TI	Training Institute
TIRR	Texas Institute for Research & Rehabilitation
TMC	Temporary Managing Conservator
TRIAD	Three county child serving public agencies: HCPS, HCJP, MHMRA
TRAID Prevention Program	program of TRIAD, administered by HCPS, services at-risk youth and Justice of the Peace Courts
TRC	Texas Rehabilitation Commission
TWC	Texas Workforce Commission
TYC	Texas Youth Commission
VISTA	Volunteers in Service to America
WHO	"We Help Ourselves" Primary child abuse prevention program
WIRES	Women's Information and Referral Services. Entry to battered women's shelter
YFT	Youth for Tomorrow (requests for LOC)
YOU	Shelter in Richmond