



## Common Acronyms and Abbreviations

The following list has some of the more common acronyms and abbreviations used by Healthy Families for ease in describing and documenting. Great care should be given in the use of these with families or others who may not understand their meaning.

Note: Certain records may be considered legal and using acronyms or abbreviations not on a list approved within your agency may not be advised. You should always consult your program and agency management on the acceptable use of acronyms and abbreviations at your site. If your site uses additional acronyms and abbreviations, you will need to add to this list for your needs.

**ACEs:** Adverse Childhood Experiences

**ACS:** Administration for Children's Services (NYC)

**AHV:** Attempted Home Visit

**APGAR:** An index used to evaluate condition of newborn (0 to 10)

**ASQ:** Ages and Stages Questionnaire (developmental screening tool)

**ASQ-SE:** Ages and Stages-Social Emotional Questionnaire (developmental screening tool)

**ATP:** Accentuate the Positives reflective strategy

**AUDIT-C:** Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test

**BPS:** Best Practice Standards (previously referred to as Critical Elements)

**CA:** Central Administration

**CCI:** CHEERS Check-In (a Parent-Child Interaction assessment tool)

**CD:** Child Development (related, **CDS:** Child Development Specialist)

**CHEERS:** Cues, Holding, Expression, Empathy, Rhythm & Reciprocity, Smiles

**CHSR:** Center for Human Services Research

**CHW:** Community Health Worker

**CLC:** Certified Lactation Counselor

**CO:** Level CO—Creative Outreach

**CPS:** Child Protective Services

**CPSE:** Committee on Preschool Special Education

**CQI:** Continuous Quality Improvement

**C/S or C-section:** Cesarean section

**DOB:** Date of Birth

**DOH:** Department of Health

**DSS:** Department of Social Services

**DV:** Domestic Violence

**Dx:** Diagnosis

**EI or EIP:** Early Intervention Program

**EDC:** Estimated date of confinement (baby's due date)

**EW:** Explore and Wonder reflective strategy

**FAS:** Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

**FASD:** Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

**FF:** Father Figure

**FFS:** Foundations for Family Support (core training for FSS role)

**FOB:** Father of Baby (note that you may also see DAD used; which is encouraged)

**FGP:** Family Goal Plan (formerly **IFSP:** Individualized Family Support Plan)

**FNT:** Feel, Name, and Tame reflective strategy (formerly **FFF:** Feel, Felt, Found)

**FROG:** Family Resilience and Opportunities for Growth

**FRS:** Family Resource Specialist (previously called **FAW:** Family Assessment Worker)

**FSS:** Family Support Specialist (previously called **FSW:** Family Support Worker)

**FSU:** Florida State University Partners for a Healthy Baby home visiting curriculum

**FU:** Follow Up

**GA:** Gestational Age

**GGK:** Growing Great Kids home visiting curriculum

**GYN:** Gynecologist

**HFA:** Healthy Families America

**HFAST:** Healthy Families America Site Tracker

**HFNY:** Healthy Families New York

**HITS:** Hurt, Insult, Threaten, Scream screening tool for domestic violence

**HV:** Home Visit

**Hx:** History of

**IMH:** Infant Mental Health (related, **IECMH:** Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health)

**Kempe:** Former name of the Parent Survey assessment tool

**IPV:** Intimate Partner Violence

**IUP:** Intra-Uterine Pregnancy

**MCH:** Maternal and Child Health (Nurse)

**MGF:** Maternal grandfather (when used in reference to the TC-target child)

**MGGF:** Maternal great grandfather (when used in reference to the TC-target child)

**MGGM:** Maternal great grandmother (when used in reference to the TC-target child)

**MGM:** Maternal grandmother (when used in reference to the TC-target child)

**MH:** Mental Health

**MI:** Motivational Interviewing

**MIECHV:** Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood Home Visiting

**MI:** Motivational Interviewing

**MIS:** Management Information System

**MOB:** Mother of Baby (note that you may also see MOM used; which is encouraged)

**NICU:** Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

**NORM:** Normalizing reflective strategy

**NSVD:** Normal Spontaneous Vaginal Delivery

**OB:** Obstetrician

**OBP:** Other Biological Parent

**OCFS:** Office of Children and Family Services

**OT:** Occupational Therapist

**OV:** Office Visit

**PAT:** Parents as Teachers curriculum

**PCAA:** Prevent Child Abuse America

**PCANY:** Prevent Child Abuse New York

**PCI:** Parent Child Interaction

**PC1:** Primary Caregiver # 1

**PC2:** Primary Caregiver # 2

**PCP:** Primary Care Provider

**PED:** Pediatrician (related, **PEDS:** Pediatrics)

**PGF:** Paternal grandfather (when used in reference to the TC-target child)

**PGGF:** Paternal great grandfather (when used in reference to the TC-target child)

**PGGM:** Paternal great grandmother (when used in reference to the TC-target child)

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**PHB:** Partners for a Healthy Baby (the FSU home visiting curriculum)

**PHQ-2/PHQ-9:** Patient Health Questionnaire (depression screening tool)

**PM:** Program Manager

**PO:** Probation or Parole Officer

**PSI:** Parental Stress Index (an assessment HFNY used to require, and some programs still use)

**PSCO:** Parent Survey for Community Outreach (Core training for FRS role)

**PT:** Physical Therapist

**PTL:** Preterm Labor

**QA:** Quality Assurance

**Rx:** Prescription

**SA:** Spontaneous Abortion, Miscarriage, also Substance abuse

**SATP:** Strategic Accentuate the Positive

**SBS:** Shaken Baby Syndrome

**SFT:** Solution Focused Talk (referred to by HFA as Problem Talk)

**SIDS:** Sudden Infant Death Syndrome

**SNAP:** Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly referred to as food stamps)

**SS:** Level SS—Special Services

**SUP:** Supervisor

**SPR:** Site Profile Report (An annual requirement of HFA; located in HFAST)

**TA:** Technical Assistance

**TANF:** Temporary Assistance to Needy Families

**TBI:** Traumatic Brain Injury

**TC:** Target Child

**TO:** Level TO—Temporary Out of the Area

**TOL:** Transfer of Learning

**TR:** Level TR—Temporarily Reassigned

**VBAC:** Vaginal Birth After C-section

**WIC:** Women, Infants, and Children program