



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)

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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