

Children and Families Commonly Used Acronyms

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ABAWD: Able-Bodied Adult Without Dependents

CCAP: Child Care Assistance Programs

CCDF: Child Care and Development Fund (federal)

CFR: Code of Federal Regulations

CHIPS: Child in Need of Protection or Services

COLA: Cost of Living Adjustment

DCYF: Department of Children, Youth, and Families

DHHS: Department of Health and Human Services (federal)

DWP: Diversionary Work Program

EBT: Electronic Benefits Transfer

FPG: Federal Poverty Guidelines

FSET: Food Support Employment and Training

GAL: Guardian ad Litem

ICWA: Indian Child Welfare Act (federal)

IEP: Individual Education Program (or plan)

LIHEAP: Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (federal)

LPR: Lawful Permanent Resident

MAARC: Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center

MAXIS: Minnesota AXIS (computer system for public program eligibility determinations)

MFAP: Minnesota Food Assistance Program

MFIP: Minnesota Family Investment Program

MIFPA: Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act

MOE: Maintenance of Effort

OLA: Office of the Legislative Auditor

PICS: Parental Income for Child Support

PRWORA: Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (federal)

SIDS: Sudden Infant Death Syndrome

SMI: State Median Income

SNAP: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (federal)

SSIS: Social Service Information System

STAY: Successful Transition to Adulthood for Youth

SUID: Sudden Unexpected Infant Death

TANF: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (federal)

TEFAP: The Emergency Food Assistance Program (federal)

Title IV-A of the Social Security Act: authorizes the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant program of assistance to states.

Title IV-B of the Social Security Act: provides funding and standards for establishing, extending, and strengthening child welfare services.

Title IV-D of the Social Security Act: authorizes measures to (1) enforce child support obligations by absent parents, (2) locate absent parents, (3) establish paternity, and (4) obtain child support.

Title IV-E of the Social Security Act: authorizes a state-federal program of foster care payments and adoption assistance payments.

Title XX of the Social Security Act: authorizes the federal Social Services Block Grant program of assistance to states to help fund social services.

TPLPC: Transfer of Permanent Legal and Physical Custody (to a relative)

TPR: Termination of Parental Rights

USCIS: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (federal)

USDA: U.S. Department of Agriculture (federal)

VPK: Voluntary Prekindergarten



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