

CASA Glossary

3-day hearing –(or Preliminary or 72 hour hearing) Provided whenever parents' rights are affected

ADFAC - aid to distressed families in Provides emergency services to families in crisis. Helping hands program works on housing rehabilitation.

Adjudication –Hearing deciding if child is D&N

CAC - child advocacy center, provides forensic interview and offers a place for children to receive counseling services

Camelot Care Centers, Inc. - family, individual and in-home therapy for children, adolescents and parents.

CANS –Child and Adolescent Needs Survey

CFTM - child family team meeting

Columbus House - short-term emergency shelter care in Knoxville

Cooper House - psychiatric residential treatment program for adolescent boys in Knoxville

CPIT - child protective investigation team

CPS - child protective services. Section of DCS which works with children to prevent their removal and investigates allegations of child abuse.

CMS - community mediation services

DCS - department of children's services

D&N - dependent and neglected-term of art-meaning abused/neglected

DHS - department of human services.

EPSD&T - early periodic screening diagnostic and testing. Children are screened annually for health needs.

ETHRA – East Tennessee human resource agency. This service provides transportation services.

FCRB - foster care review board. Board of community volunteers that reviews the case of each child in foster care every six months

Florence Crittenton Agency - level II program for girls ages 13-18

Forensic Interview –to evaluate possible sexual abuse. Performed by experts only

GAL - guardian ad Litem. Attorney for Child

Great Starts - alternative housing day treatment for pregnant women

Healthy Start - works with first time parents to prevent abuse.

Helen Ross McNabb - Drug and alcohol treatment, counseling and psychiatric services, and family services

Holston Home for Children - regular, immediate and therapeutic foster care for children.

Independent Living - provides counseling and training in the development of life skills.

IOP - intensive out-patient Drug and alcohol treatment program

Maximus - local agency to assist in child support enforcement

Mountain View - DCS youth development facility

Omnivision - foster care facility with therapeutic counseling

Parent Place - supervised visitation

Peninsula - facility that specializes in mental health care

Level 1 - no behavior or major health issues

Level 2 - behavioral or health issues that require some monitoring or increased supervision

Level 3 - serious behavioral or medical problems that requires 24/7 supervision, usually a facility

Level 4 - placement in a lockdown facility because of threat of harm to self or others

MIST - mothers and. Infants sober together

Perm plan - permanency plan, plan developed for children in foster care

Ridgeview - in and out patient facilities for mental health treatment, including group and family therapy programs and marriage counseling

Settlement Docket - court hearing where parents decide to stipulate to the allegations or request a trial

Stipulation - agreement with a finding of dependency and neglect

TEIS –TN Early Intervention Services. Provides evaluation for kids birth through 2. Free Service

Therapeutics Visitation - provides visitation between parents and children in a safe environment

TPM - teen parent mediation, service is offered by Community Mediation Services

TPR - termination of parental rights

VORP - victim offender reconciliation program is a voluntary, confidential process in which victims and

offenders have the opportunity to meet face to face in the presence of a trained volunteer mediator, service offered by community mediation services