



CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

Common Acronyms

Acronym/Jargon	Meaning
504 Plan	A plan for children with disabilities who need accommodations and services, but who may not qualify for Special Education Services.
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
APPLA	Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement
BIP	Behavioral Intervention Plan
CAPTA	Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act
CASA	Court Appointed Special Advocate
CINA	Child In Need of Assistance
CFSA	Child and Family Services Agency
CPS	Child Protective Services
DA	District Attorney
DDA	Disability Discrimination Act
DHR	Department of Human Resources
DORS	Division of Rehabilitation Services
DHMH	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
DSM	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders
DSS	Department of Social Services
DV	Domestic Violence
ED	Emotionally Disturbed
ESL	English as a Second Language
FC	Foster Care
FIM	Family Involvement Meeting (at DSS)
FAPE	Free, Appropriate, Public Education
GAL	Guardian Ad Litem
GED	General Education Diploma
FCA	Foster Care Agency
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act of 1996:
ICPC	Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children
ICWA	Indian Child Welfare Act

IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEP	Individualized Education Plan
ILP	Independent Living Program (DSS-transitional foster youth)
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LAB	Legal Aid Bureau (Child's Attorney)
LD	Learning Disability
LGBTQ	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, or Questioning (youth)
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
PP	Permanency Planning (CWS)
PO	Probation Officer
RTC	Residential Treatment Center
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
TFC	Therapeutic Foster Care
TPR	Termination of Parental Rights
WIC	Women, Infants and Children

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