

Capitalization/Acronyms

- Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)
- another planned permanent living arrangement (APPLA)
- attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)
- autism spectrum disorder (ASD)
- behavior intervention plan (BIP)
- California driver license
- California Early Start (CES)
- Camp Connect
- child abuse hotline
- child and adolescent needs and strengths (CANS) assessment tool
- Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Services (CAPS)
- child and family team (CFT) meeting
- Child and Family Well-Being (CFWB)
- Comprehensive Assessment and Stabilization Services (CASS) program
- Court – Capitalize “Court” when it refers to a specific judge’s action: The Court ordered that Ms. Smith call only once per week, but “The court-ordered reunification services continued.”
- detention hearing – unless you are writing a letter to the Court, then we capitalize the type of hearing in the body
- detention report
- Developmental Evaluation Clinic (DEC)
- Developmental Screening and Enhancement Program (DSEP)
- early care and education (ECE) services
- East Mesa Juvenile Detention Facility (EMJDF)
- educationally related mental health services (ERMHS)
- emergency room (ER)
- emotional disturbance (ED)
- extended foster care (EFC)
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- fall, spring, summer, winter
- foster family agency (FFA)
- Foster Family Agency Stabilization and Treatment (FFAST) program
- Head Start
- Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)
- independent living skills (ILS)
- individual care plan (ICP)
- individualized education program (IEP)
- Intensive Family Preservation Program (IFPP)
- intensive family preservation services (IFPS)
- interstate compact on the placement of children (ICPC)

- Medi-Cal
- Medications: capitalize name brand, not generic
- Narcotics Anonymous (NA)
- New Alternatives #18/New Alternatives 18 (NA18)
- nonminor dependent (NMD)
- nonrelative extended family member (NREFM) caregiver
- occupational therapy (OT)
- other health impairment (OHI)
- parent-child interactive therapy (PCIT)
- physical therapy (PT)
- Polinsky Children's Center (PCC)
- Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT)
- Rady Children's Hospital
- resource family approval (RFA)
- San Diego Center for Children (SDCC)
- San Diego Regional Center (SDRC)
- San Diego Youth Services (SDYS)
- San Pasqual Academy (SPA)
- short term residential therapeutic program (STRTP)
- Social Advocate for Youth (SAY)
- Social Security card
- speech therapy (ST)
- Stabilization, Treatment, Assessment, and Transition (STAT) team
- student study team (SST) meeting
- Subjects: Capitalize only proper nouns - language arts, Spanish, social studies, English, drama
- supervised independent living placement (SILP)
- team decision-making meeting (TDM)
- the Telling
- Titles: school principal/residential director/ assessment specialist/ HHSA social worker/probation officer
- therapeutic behavioral services (TBS)
- transitional housing placement program for nonminor dependents (THPP-NMD)
- transitional independent living plan (TILP)
- treatment and evaluation resource management (TERM)
- treatment team meeting (TTM)
- wraparound services
- WrapWorks
- Youth Transition Campus (YTC)