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Abandoned Child – A child is presumed abandoned when the child's parents have failed to visit or maintain contact with the child for more than 90 days, regardless of whether they have resumed contact after the 90-day period.

Abuse – Legal determination that the child has been a victim of conduct by another that the court determines to be physical/sexual/emotional abuse, and that the circumstances warrant court intervention.

Adjudication – A fact-determining decision made by the court. The court finds that the alleged facts stated in a complaint are valid and support a determination that the child is abused, neglected, dependent, delinquent or unruly.

Clerk's Office of Juvenile Division – Processes complaints and motions on cases involving parentage, custody, abuse, neglect, dependency, delinquency and unruly cases.

Court Ordered Protective Supervision (COPS) – A disposition in which the agency is ordered by the court to supervise and assist a family in complying with their case plan and maintaining the safety of child(ren) in their own home.

Delinquent – A legal status of a child who is determined by the court to be in violation of criminal laws or juvenile status laws (i.e., school truancy, curfew, unruly, etc.).

Dependency – A legal determination that a child's circumstances warrant court intervention, not necessarily due to caregiver's action or inaction.

Dispositional Hearing – A court hearing on a complaint or motion in which the court makes a decision on whether to issue orders for custody or supervision to an individual or agency.

Emergency Custody Order (ECO) – An emergency custody order issued by the court on the basis of a complaint or motion that alleges facts that demonstrate a child to be at imminent risk of harm.

Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) – Guardian appointed by Juvenile Court to represent and protect the best interests of an alleged or adjudicated abused, neglected, and/or dependent child.



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Group Home – A public or private facility which provides placement services for children, and is licensed, regulated, approved and operated under the direction of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, the Ohio Dept. of Education, local boards of education, Ohio Dept. of Youth Services, Ohio Department of Mental Health, county boards of mental health or county boards of developmental disabilities.

Guardian – A person, association, or corporation that is granted authority by a probate court pursuant to Chapter 2111 of the ORC to exercise parental rights over a child to the extent provided in the court's order and subject to the residual parental rights of the child's parents.

Interim Review – A hearing held by the court to review case plan progress and the status of temporary orders as scheduled/ requested by the court.

Kin – Individuals related by blood or adoption to include parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, nephews and nieces, cousins, stepparents and stepsiblings, spouses, and any non-relative the current custodial caretaker or child identifies as having a familial or long-standing relationship with a child.

Legal Custody – A status vesting in the custodian the right to have physical care and control of the child and to determine where and with whom the child shall live, and the right and duty to protect, train, and discipline the child and to provide the child with food, shelter, education, and medical care, all subject to any residual parental rights, privileges and responsibilities.

Legal Father – A man is legally presumed to be the father if he is married to the mother at the time of the child's birth. If not, a man can be declared the legal father through the process of establishing paternity through the Child Support Enforcement Agency administrative procedures.

Neglect – A legal determination that, as a result of parent/caregiver action or inaction, the child is abandoned, lacks adequate parental care, subsistence, education, medical or surgical care or treatment, or other care necessary for the child's health, morals, or well-being.

Permanent Court Commitment (PCC) (aka Permanent Custody - PC) (aka Termination of Parental Rights - TPR) – A final disposition by the court in finding that parental rights should be terminated and the child should be permanently placed in FCCS custody for the purpose of adoption.

Permanent Planned Living Arrangement (PPLA) – An order of a juvenile court that grants legal custody of a child to FCCS without the termination of parental rights and that permits the agency to make an appropriate placement of a child.

Putative Father – A man that is identified as being a possible father of a child, but has not been determined to be the legal father.

Temporary Court Commitment (TCC) – Dispositional custody alternative in which the court orders a child to be placed in temporary custody of the agency, or an individual, for a limited period of time.

Temporary Order of Custody (TOC) – A pre-dispositional custody order made by the court that places a child in agency custody, or an individual's custody, pending the adjudication of the complaint.

Temporary Order of Protective Supervision (TOPS) – A pre-dispositional order made by the court in which a child remains in parental custody while the agency is ordered to supervise and assist the family.

Unruly - A child who, as determined by the court, is non-compliant with the rules of home, school or community.

Voluntary Agreement for Custody (VAC) – (aka 30-Day Agreement) – A voluntary agreement between a parent and FCCS for custody and placement of a child for up to 30 days.

Youth Education and Intervention/Intake – A court program to divert unruly/delinquent youth from penetrating further into the Juvenile Justice System through effective prevention, intervention and treatment services that strengthen families and restore the lives of troubled youth.