

GAL Abbreviations Usage

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The following abbreviations are drawn from not only our GAL procedures and manuals, but from varies text pertaining to child abuse or neglect.

- AAPI** = Adult Adolescent Parenting Inventory (measures propensity to commit physical child abuse in high stress situations)(p.160)
- ABEL** = _____ (measures sexual proclivity based on visual reaction time to assorted slides)(pp.155, 157)
- ACFE** = American College of Forensic Examiners (p.158)
- ADHD** = Attention Deficit / Hyperactive Disorder (p.172)
- APA** = American Psychological Association (pp.92, 137)
- ARR** = Arraignment (the hearing)
- ASFA** = Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997(pp.115, 144)
- ASM** = _____
- ATSA** = Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (p.155)
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- BFSA** = Bona Fide Sexual Abuse
- BPD** = Borderline Personality Disorder (pp.171, 180-188)
- BWS** = Battered Women's Syndrome (p.249)
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- C&F** = Children & Families
- CAC** = Child Advocacy Center (p.145)
- CAL** = Calendar
- CAPI** = Child Abuse Potential Inventory (measures propensity to commit physical child abuse in high stress situations)(pp.160, 167)
- CAPTA** = Child Abuse Prevention & Treatment Act of 1973 (p.143)(also known as The Mondale Act) which established NCCAN
- CASA** = Court Appointed Special Advocates (p.117)
- CAT** = Children's Apperception Test
- CBCA** = Content Based Criterion Analysis (p.97) sometimes w/SVA
- CH** = Child
- CHADD** = Children (& Adults) with Attention Deficit Disorder
[this is a support group for parents w/ADHD child(ren)]
- CHIPS** = [a term sometimes used for a Petition of Dependency (p.104)]
- CHS** = Children's Home Society
- CHINA** = [a term sometimes used for a Petition of Dependency (p.104)]
- CISM** = Critical Incident Stress Management
- Control** = This means a review of file content to be sure all is there
- COS** = Certificate of Service; Court Ordered Services
- CPC** = Case Planning Conference
- CP** = Case Plan
- CPI** = California Psychological Inventory (measures thinking styles; one's strength and sociability)(p.137) ... and/also:
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- CPI** = Child Protective Investigator (p.149)
- CPS** = Child Protection Service (.138)
- CPT** = Child Protective Team (pp.22, 103)
- CSAAS** = Child Sexual Abuse Accommodation Syndrome (p.249)
(sometimes known as Summit's Accommodation Syndrome)

- CSAC** = Child Sexual Abuse Case
CSD = (in some states) Children's Services Department (p.102)
CT = Court
CTS = Conflict Tactics Scale (measures propensity toward domestic abuse)(pp.163, 168)
CV = Curriculum Vitae (p.150)
CVSA = Computer Voice Stress Analysis (measures stress in the human voice)(p.158)
CWLS = Child Welfare Legal Services
- DD** = Dependency Distribution
DIB-R = (Gunderson's) Diagnostic Interview for Borderlines – Revised (p.179)
DO = Distribution Order
DOB = Date of Birth
DP = Dependency (petition)
DPRS = (in some states) Dept of Child Protection Services (p.53)
DS = Docket Sounding [this is the plea court session (GAL should attend)]
DSFI = Derogatis' Sexual Functioning Inventory (p.159)
DSM = Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (p.171)
DSS = (in some states) Department of Social Services (p.42)
DV = Domestic Violence
DVI = Domestic Violence Injunction (pp.161, 174)
DYFS = (in some states) Dept of Youth and Family Services (p.102)
- e** = (clerk's long hand abbreviation that looks like an 'e') "... as to ..."
EMDR = Eye Movement Desensitization Reprocessing
- FAH** = Florida Abuse Hotline
FCS = Foster Care Services
FCW = (DCF) Foster Care Worker
FMS = False Memory Syndrome
FRE = Federal Rules of Evidence (pp.250-253)
FSA = Fabricated Sexual Abuse
FSC = (DCF) Family Services Counselor
FT = Father
- GF** = Grandfather
GM = Grand Master (such as Valeria Brown)
GM = Grandmother
- HHS** = Department of Health & Human Services (p.133)
HMI = (Mosher) Hyper-Masculinity Inventory (p.164)
HRG = Hearing
HRS = the former Florida Dept of Health & Rehabilitative Services (p.14)
HSA = Human Services Agency (p.132)
HSS = (in some states) Dept of Health and Social Services (p.31)
- ICCP** = (CHS) Intensive Crisis Counseling Program
IPT = Institute for Psychological Therapies (pp.24, 93)

JR = Judicial Review (GAL written report to the court req'd)
LD = Lisa Davidson (Judge presiding)
LP = *loco parentis* (the state as the parent)(p.144)
MMPI = Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Index (pp.20, 34)
MSI = Multiphasic Sex Inventory (or the Molinder)
MT = Mother
NCCAN = National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect (pp.143-44)
[see CAPTA above]
NOA = Notice of Acceptance
NOP = Non-Offending Parent (in CSAC cases)
NP = *nolle prosequi* (essentially w/o supporting evidence)
OCD = Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder
OPF = Order for Protection (p.161)
OI = *Osteogenesis Imperfecta* (p.148)(hereditary condition; bones break easily)
ORS = Oregon Revised Statutes (p.165)
PAS = Parent Alienation Syndrome (pp.152, 173, 188-191, 249)
PC = Probable Cause
PCA = *per curiam* affirmed (not rendering an opinion)(pp.23, 119)
PCL-R = Psychopathy Check List – Revised (assesses antisocial orientation)(p.167)
PDD = Psychological Detection of Deception instrument 9P.158)
PDQ = Personality Diagnostic Questionnaire (p.179)
PDS = Pre-Disposition Study
PF = *prima facie* (preponderance of the evidence)(p.115)
PFA = Protection From Abuse (p.161)
PH = Permanency Hearing (for final child custody determination)
PI = Protective Investigation
PKPA = Parents Kidnapping and Prevention Act of 19__ (p.163)
PPG = Penile plethysmograph (excellent measure of sexual arousal and preference)(pp.155, 169)
PSI = Parenting Stress Index (measures propensity to commit physical child abuse in high stress situations)(p.160)
PT(S) = Parent(s)
PTSD = Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (p.172)
RCE = Registered Custody Examiner (p.175)
RICO = Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act of 1970 (p.53)
RMS = Recovered Memory Therapy
SA/DVP = Salvation Army / Domestic Violence Program
SAID = Sexual Allegations in Divorce (pp.14, 73-80)
SART = Sexual Abuse Response Team
SATP = Sexual Abuse Treatment Program
SIRR = Suggestiveness, Influence, Reinforcement, Removal (p.146)
SOPM = Standard Operating Procedures Manual (p.207)
SORAG = Sexual Offender Risk Appraisal Guide (pp.159, 168)

- SRS** = (in some states) State Rehabilitative Services (p.102)
SVA = Statement Validity Analysis (pp.97, 146)
SVR = Sexual Violence Risk instrument (p.159)
- TAT** = Thematic Apperception Test (p.154)
TPR = Termination of Parental Rights
TRO = Temporary Restraining Order (p.162)
TSCT = The Sentence Completion Test
- UCCJA** = Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act of 19__ (p.163)
- VAWA** = Violence Against Women Act of 19____ (pp.8, 161)
VB = Valerie Brown (General Master presiding)
VOCAL = Victims of Child Abuse Laws (pp.67, 117)
VOP = Violation of Probation
VPD = Verified Petition of Dependency
VRAG = Violence Risk Appraisal Guide (predict risk of violent
recidivism)(pp.160, 168)
- WOM** = *writs of mandamus* (a mandate to reverse a previous order)
- ZCT** = Zone Comparison Testing instrument (p.158)

Definition of Legal Latin terms:

- ad litem* for the purpose of the suit ... during the pendency of the action or proceedings
- collateral* accompanying in the sense of going side-by-side; security accompanying the principal obligation
- collateral estoppel* or *estoppel by judgment* a bar of judgment against the relitigation of particular facts and/or issues (also p.23)*
- duces tecum* to bring with you
- estoppel* a bar which stops a person to allege or plead what actually may be the truth
- in limine* to limit or totally exclude fresh complaint evidence (p.149)... on the threshold; at the outset
- in rem* emergency basis (p.175) ... against a thing and not against a person ... concerning the condition or status of a thing
- nolle* to be willing
- nolle prosequi* an agreement not to proceed further in the suit as to a particular person or cause of action (also p.32)
- nolo contendere* "I do not wish to contend" (also pp.45, 152)

<i>pro hac vice</i>	.	.	.	for this occasion (also p.152)
<i>res judicata</i>	.	.	.	the thing has been decided; been adjudicated(also p.23)
<i>voir dire</i>	.	.	.	to speak the truth ... an oath administered to one called as a witness preliminary to an examination of him in reference to his qualifications as a witness (also pp.152, 232)

* NOTE: Where there is a pagination reference(s) noted they/it refer(s) to Dean Tong's excellent book, "Elusive Innocence, Survival Guide to the Falsely Accused," published by Huntington House, 2002. Otherwise, definitions are derived from Ballentine's Law Dictionary, 1948.

[Tong's book should be required reading for all Guardians ... Perhaps a gift to them from the GAL Program Office during new guardians training course?]

Another excellent text, Dr. Larry Spiegel's work, "A Question of Innocence." (1986)

