

Eligibility Glossary of Terms

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Overview

This Policy Guide provides a glossary of terms used by all Eligibility Workers, their Supervisors and Revenue Enhancement Administrative staff.

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Version Summary

This policy guide was updated and reformatted from the 02/27/98 version as part of the Eligibility Policy redesign. This policy guide merges content from Policy Guides E900-0510, Glossary: Acronym and Jargon and; E900-0520, Glossary: Computer Systems, thereby cancelling policy guide E900-0520. The title has been changed to: Eligibility Glossary of Terms. The Terms and Definitions have been updated to reflect current usage.

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Eligibility Glossary of Terms

Term	Definition
AAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Adoption Assistance Program
ACE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Assistance To Children In Emergency:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Computer system with statewide registration of children eligible to the Emergency Assistance (EA) program.
APT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Accelerated Placement Team<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specialized staff who have experience in finding placement for high risk/needs children.
AFDC-FC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care

Term	Definition
ARC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Approved Relative Caregiver: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding source for nonfederal eligible children placed with relative caregivers.
Arrest / Detention Hearing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Initial hearing in Juvenile Court following the filing of a detained petition. At this hearing the court makes a determination whether the child can return home or remain in temporary out-of-home care.
CalSAWS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ California Statewide Automated Welfare System
CalWORKs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ California Work Opportunity and Responsibility for Kids
CAO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chief Administrative Office
CHDP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Children's Health and Disability Prevention Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides comprehensive medical, mental health and dental diagnostic and treatment services for all Medi-Cal eligible persons aged newborn to 21 years who request them.
CIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Case Information Number
CNI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ California Necessities Index
COBRA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
COLA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cost of Living Allowance
Court Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Report from CSW to inform the court of the family's compliance with the orders of the court, the progress the family has made towards reaching the Case Plan goals and the DCFS recommendations regarding the child. These are used for initial Eligibility Determination and/or Re-evaluation.
CPH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Child Protection Hot Line

Term	Definition
CWS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Child Welfare Services
CWS/CMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Child Welfare Services/Case Management System: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statewide automated system to manage the child welfare services program.
CWS-CARES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Child Welfare Services – California Automated Response and Engagement System: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A digital platform used to support evolving child welfare programs, business processes and legislative improvements focused on protecting the safety of children and families, that are not currently provided by CWS/CMS.
DA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ District Attorney
EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Emergency Assistance
EC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Emergency Caregiver funding
EDD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Employment Development Department
EFC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Extended Foster Care (an alternative to emancipation): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A program that provides continued court jurisdiction, DCFS supervision, foster care placement and funding and for eligible young adults who choose to remain in care beyond their 18th birthday, up to age 21.
EFC Re-Entry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Extended Foster Care Re-Entry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A legal process whereby dependency court jurisdiction over a nonminor former foster youth is reinstated making the young adult a nonminor dependent (NMD) and therefore eligible for all EFC services up to age 21.
ER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Emergency Response services
ERCP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Emergency Response Command Post

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FC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Foster Care
FCAHL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Foster Care / Adoption Hotline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A centralized hotline to assist caregivers with problems related to a child or children placed in their care: (800) 697-4444.
FCSS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Foster Care Search System: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer system with records of foster homes placement and vacancy in Los Angeles County.
Funding Source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Eligibility Determination of Revenue
GRI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ General Relief Ineligible to AFDC-FC
HMO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Health Maintenance Organization
ICPC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children
ICT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Intercounty Transfer
IEVS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Income Evidence Verification System: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer system that matches welfare payrolls with state and federal payrolls and assets from the Franchise Tax Board Report.
ILP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Independent Living Program
ISFC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Intensive Services Foster Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program providing specialty mental health or medical health treatment that is delivered by a Foster Family Agency and in a specialized ISFC Resource Family home.
JPP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Justice Partner Portal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer system tracking all juvenile court schedules and proceedings.

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Kin-GAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment Program
LAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Local Area Network
Legal Guardian (LG) Related/Nonrelated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Legal Guardianship ordered by Dependency Court for a Dependent child.
LRS (Eventually the name will be changed to CalSAWS.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Los Angeles Eligibility Automated Determination Evaluation Reporting (LEADER) Replacement System (LRS): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer system that will automate the determination and evaluation to the aid programs serviced by the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS).
LOC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Level of Care: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengths based approach for determining foster care rates.
MAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Multi-Disciplinary Assessment Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A collaboration between DCFS and the Department of Mental Health (DMH) designed to ensure the immediate and comprehensive assessment of children entering out-of-home placement.
MEDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statewide computerized system for Medi-Cal records and care issuance system. Access is on-line and via CDMS.
Minute Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Record of Court Order
MMR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monthly Management Report
MOU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Memorandum of Understanding
NFC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Non-Foster Care Placement
NMD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nonminor Dependent: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A foster youth who meets the eligibility criteria to participate in Extended Foster Care (EFC) and who chooses to remain a

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	dependent of the court beyond their 18 th birthday up to age 21.
NOA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Notice of Action
NREFM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Non-Related Extended Family Member
Petition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Legal document filed by DCFS in Juvenile Dependency Court which alleges that a child is described by Section 300, of the Welfare and Institutions Code.
PHP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prepaid Health Plan
POEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Preponderance of Evidence Model
Probate Legal Guardian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Legal Guardianship by order of Family Court for a nondependent child. These cases are opened for DCFS supervision and payment purposes.
PRUCOL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Permanent Residence Under Color of Law: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance in obtaining permanent residency for people who are undocumented.
RCL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rate Classification Level
Redetermination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Annual Reassessment for Foster Care Eligibility
RFA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Resource Family Approval: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Resource Family Approval Program is a unified, family-friendly, and child-centered resource family approval process that replaced the processes for licensing foster family homes and approving relatives and Nonrelative Extended Family Members (NREFMs) as foster care providers, and to approve families for legal guardianship or adoption.
RFH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Resource Family Home: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A home/caregiver with a RFA certificate.

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RMU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Resource Management Unit
SCI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Specialized Care Increment
SCP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Substitute Care Provider
SILP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supervised Independent Living Placement
SIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Special Immigrant Status
SSA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Social Security Administration
SSI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supplemental Security Income
STRTP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program
TANF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
THP-NMD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Transitional Housing Placement – Nonminor Dependent
VSI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vital Statistic Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Los Angeles County Recorder computer system with recorded birth, death and marriage data.
YODA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Your Online Document Archive
Youakim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Federally eligible relative