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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM GLOSSARY

We are pleased to announce that the official Child Support Program glossary of program terms, abbreviations, and acronyms is now available on the Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) website at:

http://www.childsup.ca.gov/reference/glossary

The glossary was compiled by the Core Curriculum Development Project team for the Child Support Program Orientation course. The glossary provides a common program language which should help local child support agencies (LCSAs) provide standardized, uniform, and consistent services statewide.

The project team used State code and regulatory definitions, the Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) glossary, and LCSA glossaries to define the glossary's approximately 800 terms. We did not include California Child Support Automation System specific terms or those used by only a few LCSAs. In cases where regulatory definitions are being developed or revised, we have used an LCSA definition as a placeholder.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Kelly York, Manager of the Curriculum Management and Program Support Unit at (916) 464-5513 or by email at kelly.york@dcss.ca.gov.

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| **A** | Abstract of Support Judgment | A certified copy of any judgment or order of the superior court of this state for spousal, family or child support, when recorded with the recorder of any county, shall from the recording become a lien upon all real property of the judgment debtor, not exempt from execution, in the county, owned by him or her at the time, or which he or she may afterwards acquire for the respective amounts and installments as they mature. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | Lien |
| | Abstract of Title | A report, which is the result of a title search, performed by a title insurance company or attorney, which lists all of the liens that affect the ownership of real property, including child support liens. | | DCSS Legal | | Case Management | Title |
| | Abuse | "Abuse" means any of the following : (a) Intentionally or recklessly to cause or attempt to cause bodily injury. (b) Sexual assault. (c ) To place a person in reasonable apprehension of imminent serious bodily injury to that person or to another. (d) To engage in any behavior that has been or could be enjoined pursuant to Section 6320, Family Code. (e) Battering or subjecting a victim to extreme cruelty. (1) Physical acts that resulted in, or threatened to result in, physical injury. (2) Sexual abuse. (3) Sexual activity involving a child in the home. (4) Being forced to participate in nonconsensual sexual acts or activities. (5) Threats of, or attempts at, physical or sexual abuse. (6) Mental abuse. (7) Neglect or deprivation of medical care. (8) Stalking. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 112002 | | Case Intake | |
| | Acceleration Clause | A provision or clause in a credit agreement that requires the obligor to pay part or all of the balance due sooner than the date specified for payment upon the occurrence of some event or circumstance described in the agreement. This clause applies to situations where there has been a default such as non-payment of principal or interest. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| | Account | Record of financial transactions in a case, which includes a record of charges against a child support obligor for such things as current support, welfare arrears, spousal support, blood test fees, court costs, attorneys fees and interest. Also includes a record of payments by the obligor and adjustments to the financial record. | | LCSA glossary | | Financial | Payment Record |
| | Account Audit | An examination of the account or accounts of a child support obligor to determine necessary adjustments and/or the balance owing. | | LCSA glossary | | Financial | |

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| **A** | Accounting | 1) The act of maintaining accounts; 2) Sometimes used to refer to the unit or team responsible for accepting and processing payments and maintaining account records. | | LCSA glossary | | Financial | Account |
| | Accrual | Sum of child support payments that are due or overdue. | | OCSE glossary | | Financial | |
| | Acknowledgment of Paternity | An admission that the child is one's own. Recognition of a parental relation, either by a written agreement, verbal declarations or statements, by the life, acts and conduct of the parties, or any other satisfactory evidence that the relation was recognized and admitted. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | Declaration of Paternity, Voluntary Acknowledgment of Paternity |
| | Acknowledgment of Satisfaction of Judgment | A legal document filed with the county recorder's office when a child support debt has been satisfied. Upon such recording, the lien created under the judgment that has been satisfied is extinguished as a matter of record. | | CCP Section 697.400 | | Legal | |
| | Action Transmittal | Document sent out as needed, which instructs State child support program on the actions they must take to comply with new and amended Federal laws. Has basis in Federal law and regulation. | AT | OCSE glossary | | Interstate | |
| | Address of Record | A current, accurate mailing address, filed with the court, for receiving service of pleadings. | | DCSS Legal | | General | |
| | Adjudication | The entry of judgment, decree, or order by a judge or other decision-maker such as a master, referee, or hearing officer based on the evidence submitted by the parties. | | OCSE glossary | | Legal | Disposition |
| | Administration for Children and Families | The Federal Agency in the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) that administers the Child Support Program nationally and houses the Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) | | ACF | | OCSE glossary | General |
| | Administrative Law Judge | A person designated by the Director to conduct child support state hearings, and who shall have been admitted to practice law in California, and shall possess such other qualifications as prescribed by the California State Personnel Board. | | ALJ Section 120001 | | Title 22, Division 13, Customer Service | |
| | Administrative Procedure | Method by which support orders are made and enforced by an executive agency rather than by courts and judges. | | OCSE glossary | | Legal | |
| | Administrative Review | A non-judicial examination of case records and accounts completed at the request of an obligor to raise an objection to the intercept of tax refunds or a non-judicial review of case records completed at the request of an obligor(ee) to determine the amount of arrearages owed. | | LCSA glossary | | Financial | |

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| **A** | Adoption | The permanent legal assumption of all parental rights and responsibilities for a child. | | DCSS Policy Branch | | Case Management | |
| | AFDC | The former Aid To Families with Dependent Children public assistance program which was a federal program under Title IV-A of the Social Security Act, funded with federal, state, and county funds, and non-federal public assistance program funded with state and county funds. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119000 (Proposed) | | General | Aid To Families with Dependent Children |
| | Affiant | The person who makes and subscribes an affidavit. One who makes oath to a written statement. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| | Affidavit | A sworn written statement made under oath or an affirmation before an authorized officer or agent. | | LCSA glossary | | Legal | |
| | Affidavit in Support of Establishing Paternity | A sworn statement by a natural parent outlining facts regarding the natural or biological father of a child for the purpose of establishing paternity. | | OMB 0970-0085 | | Legal | Biological Father; Affidavit. |
| | Agent for Service of Process | A person, persons or organization who has been designated with the authority to receive service on behalf of an organization or corporation. | | DCSS Legal | | Case Management | Service of Process |
| | Aid | Assistance payments made to any eligible child, in a specified amount and administered in a manner as to achieve the greatest possible reduction of dependency and to promote the rehabilitation of recipients. Examples include: TANF, CalWORKs, Medi-Cal or Foster Care assistance. | | W&I 11207 | | Case Management | Public Assistance, Welfare |
| | Aid Codes | A group of codes to describe various functions and factors within an aid type. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | Aid Types |
| | Aid to Families with Dependent Children | Former entitlement program that made public assistance payments on behalf of children who did not have the financial support of one of their parents by reason of death, disability, or continued absence from the home, based on need to the recipient; known in many States as ADC (Aid to Dependent Children). Replaced with Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA). | AFDC | OCSE glossary | | General | Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families |
| | Aid Types | A specific county welfare code, typically two digits, that indicates the type of assistance being provided to the family. Example: CalWORKs ALL FAMILIES: Aid Type 30 | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | Aid Codes |

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| **A** | Alaska Permanent Fund and Dividend Match | The Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD) was established through a Constitutional amendment approved by Alaska voters in 1976 which functions under the belief that all qualifying Alaskans benefit equally from the States oil wealth. This allows an annual reimbursement to families by the government. The Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend Match allows other states to identify delinquent child support obligors entitled to reimbursement for the purpose of intercept of funds. | | Title 24 of the Alaska Statutes | | General | Intercept |
| | Allegation | The assertion, declaration or statement of a party to a case, made in pleading, setting out what is expected to be proved. | | LCSA glossary | | General | |
| | Alleged Father | | | | Putative Father | | |
| | Allocation | The step in the distribution process pursuant to which a support payment is apportioned among several cases/children. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119002 (Proposed) | | Financial | Distribution |
| | Allotment | An authorized limited amount payment; common to military personnel with families. | | LCSA glossary | | Financial | |
| | Also Known As | Alias, moniker, other name or nickname. | AKA | LCSA glossary | | General | |
| | Alternate Arrangement | A written agreement approved by a court or tribunal between an obligee and obligor that provides for payment of a support obligation as ordered other than through the immediate service of an income withholding order, and that is signed by the local child support agency with jurisdiction over the case when: (a) Public assistance is being provided and there has been an assignment of support rights to the State. (b) No public assistance is being provided, but the local child support agency is providing Title IV-D services at the time the alternate arrangement is entered into. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 116004 | | Enforcement | |
| | Amended Complaint Resolution | 1) As used in the Legal Process: Subject to the limitations contained in the Code of Civil Procedure, the filing of a document titled an “Amended Summons and Complaint,” in the same case as the original Summons and Complaint to correct data contained on the original complaint itself.<br>2) As used in the Complaint Resolution Process: A substantially modified complaint based on the complaint investigators discussion with the complainant and is documents on Local Complaint Resolution. | | DCSS Legal & Policy | | Customer Service | Complaint Process, Complaint |

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| **A** | Amended Proposed Judgment | If the local child support agency receives additional financial information within 30 days of service of the complaint and proposed judgment on the defendant and the additional information would result in a support order that is different from the amount in the proposed judgment, the local child support agency shall file a declaration setting forth the additional information and an amended proposed judgment. The time for the defendant to answer is extended an additional 30 days. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | Proposed Judgment |
| | Answer | A responsive pleading by the defendant in a civil case that contests or admits the plaintiff's allegations of facts set forth in the complaint. | | LCSA glossary | | Legal | |
| | Appearance | A coming into court as a party to a suit, either in person or by an attorney. The formal proceeding by which a defendant submits himself to the jurisdiction of the court. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| | Applicant | An individual who submits an application for Title IV-D services. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110041 | | General | Custodial Party, IV-D |
| | Application | A written or electronic document provided by a local child support agency in which an individual requests support services and which is signed by the individual. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110042 | | General | |
| | Arraignment | In criminal law, the formal appearance of an accused person to hear, and to receive a copy of, the charge against him or her, in the presence of a judge, and to then enter a plea of guilty or not guilty. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | Plea |
| | Arrearage | The unpaid child support payments for past periods owed by a parent who is obligated to pay by court order. The arrears or arrearage or arrearages include interest and are adjusted for the amount of any partial satisfactions of the judgment. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110046 | | Financial | |
| | Arrears | | | | Arrearage | | |
| | Asset Match | A computer match of child support obligor names and social security numbers against state tax records (Tax Information Profiles) of bank interest and dividends earned the previous year. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | |
| | Assigned | The transfer of the right to support payments by an individual to the State as a condition of receiving public assistance. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119004 (Proposed) | | Financial | |

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| **A** | Assigned Arrearages | Unpaid support that was due during past periods when public assistance was provided to the family or children of a child support obligor for which the right to receipt was assigned to the State as a condition of receiving assistance. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119005 (Proposed) | | Financial | |
| | Assigned Collection | A collection of support which is used to recoup public assistance paid to an obligee. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119006 (Proposed) | | Financial | |
| | Assignee of Record | The one who receives the right to collect the money when an Assignment of Judgment is signed. In child support cases this is the local child support (IV-D) agency. | | LCSA glossary | | General | |
| | Assignment | | | | Assigned | | |
| | Assignment of Support Rights | The legal procedure by which a person receiving public assistance agrees to turn over to the State any right to child support, including arrearages, paid by the non-custodial parent in exchange for receipt of a cash assistance grant and other benefits…. | | OCSE glossary | | Case Management | |
| | Assistance | Cash payments (CalWORKs) or medical services paid to a custodial party. Welfare. The amount of the grant is based upon need and the number of children in the family. | | LCSA glossary | | General | Public Assistance, Aid |
| | Assistance Period | The period of time in which a person, family or group receives or is determined eligible to receive public assistance. | | LCSA Glossary | | General | |
| | Assistance Unit | An individual or group of related persons living in the same home who have been determined eligible for public assistance. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119008 (Proposed) | | General | |
| | Assistance Unit Payee | The designated person of the assistance unit receiving the cash assistance check. The person to whom a check for welfare is issued. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | |
| | Attestation | The act of witnessing an instrument in writing at the request of the party making the instrument and recording that fact on the instrument. | | LCSA glossary | | Legal | |
| | Attestation Statement | A sworn statement by an applicant for IV-D services that they have provided all known information about the non-custodial parent. The attestation statement prohibits non-cooperation of the applicant. | | LCSA glossary | | Legal | |
| | Attorney of Record | An attorney who has filed a notice of appearance and who hence is formally mentioned in court records as the official attorney of the party. | | DCSS Legal | | General | Authorized Representative, Substitution of Attorney |

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| **A** | Authorized Representative | An individual or a representative from an organization that has been authorized by a complainant to act on behalf of the complainant in any and all aspects of a state hearing. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 120002 | | Customer Service | |
| | Automated Locate Source | Any locate source in which data is maintained in an automated fashion, regardless of how it is accessed, or how it is updated. | | MPP 12-101.3(a)(6) | | Case Management | |
| | Automated Voice Response System | Telephone system that makes frequently requested information available to clients over touch-tone telephones. | AVR | OCSE glossary General | | | |
| **B** | Bankruptcy | The formal condition of an insolvent person being declared bankrupt under law. The legal effect is to divert most of the debtor's assets and debts to the administration of a third person, sometimes called a "trustee in bankruptcy", from which outstanding debts are paid pro rata.<br>Chapter 7- A section of the bankruptcy code under which a debtor's property is liquidated to pay his or her creditors and a debtor can obtain a discharge of personal debts through the bankruptcy court. Spousal and child support obligations cannot be discharged in Chapter 7 proceedings.<br>Chapter 11- A section of the bankruptcy code under which the "reorganization" of companies and businesses can be made in order to allow the business to work out a plan to repay all or some of their debts.<br>Chapter 13- A section of the bankruptcy code under which a debtor works out a plan to repay their debts through the bankruptcy court. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| | Bankruptcy Trustee | A third party, appointed by the bankruptcy court who administers and supervises the assets and debts of a person in bankruptcy. | | DCSS Legal | | Enforcement | |
| | Barnes Notices | Stemming from Barnes v. Anderson et al, requires all custodial parties to receive monthly notices of the amount of support payments collected and/or distributed each month. | | FC 17306, 17401.5; 45 CFR Sec. 302.54 | | Financial | |
| | Bench Warrant | A warrant of arrest or attachment issued by a court for a defendant who has failed to appear in court as ordered. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| | Bifurcate | To separate the issues in a case so that one issue or set of issues can be tried and resolved before the others.<br>Bifurcation is authorized by Rule 42(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. | | www.nolo.com/law center/dictionary | | Legal | |

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| **B** | Billing Statement | The local child support agency notice sent to the child support obligor on a monthly basis outlining the amount of support owed. Reflects each account and balance with payment due date. | | LCSA glossary | | Financial | |
| | Biological Father | The natural father of a child or children. | | LCSA glossary | | | |
| | Blood Test | | | | Genetic Testing | | |
| | Blood Test Fees | | | | Genetic Testing Costs | | |
| | Bond | A promise (usually guaranteed by a bond company) to perform an act or to follow the orders and judgments of the court. | | LCSA glossary | | Legal | |
| | Buccal Swab | The painless, non-invasive DNA alternative to blood tests that account for more than 80% of samples collected in the determination of parentage. | | Long Beach Genetics | | Case Management | Genetic Testing |
| | Burden of Proof | The duty of a party to produce the greater weight of evidence on a fact or facts in dispute on an issue raised between the parties in a cause. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| | Bureau of Vital Statistics | Vital statistics are routinely collected through mandatory registration by states and then reported to the federal vital statistics system. In California, the Office of Vital Records is part of the Department of Health Services. | | LCSA glossary | | General | Office of Vital Records |
| | Business Day | Any day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday as specified in Sections 6700 and 6701 of the Government Code. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110088 | | General | |
| **C** | California Central Registry | | | | Central Registry | | |
| | California Child Support Automation System | The California automated statewide child support enforcement system, which will include a SDU, a SCR, and other databases and interfaces. | CCSAS | LCSA glossary | | | |
| | California Code of Regulations | The California Code of Regulations contains the text of the regulations that have been formally adopted by state agencies, reviewed and approved by the Office of Administrative Law, and filed with the Secretary of State. | CCR | CCR Web site | | General | Regulations |
| | California Department of Child Support Services | That department created within the California Health and Human Services Agency, to administer all services and perform all functions necessary to locate parents; establish paternity; establish, enforce, and modify support orders; and collect and distribute support in California. | DCSS | FC 17200 | | General | Local Child Support Agency |

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| **C** | California Franchise Tax Board | The income taxing authority in California that is designated as the project agency on behalf of DCSS to manage the development and creation of a single statewide California Child Support Automation System (CCSAS). | | FTB Charter | | CCSAS Project | General |
| | California Health and Human Services Agency | The California Health and Human Services Agency administers state and federal programs for health care, social services, public assistance, job training and rehabilitation. Responsibility for administering the major programs, which provide direct services to millions of Californians, is divided among the Health and Human Services Agency's 15 boards and departments. | | CHHS | | LCSA glossary | General |
| | California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System | The computerized system at the State Department of Justice, used to obtain law enforcement information about an individual, directly from state and national files. | | CLETS | | LCSA glossary | Case Management |
| | California Parent Locator Service | A unit within DCSS, that handles locate requests from the Federal Parent Locator Service (FPLS), other states' parent locator services and from local child support agencies. Also attempts to find the non-custodial parent's home and/or work addresses or assets by accessing the records of the following agencies: Employment Development Department, Franchise Tax Board, Department of Motor Vehicles, criminal justice agencies, public utilities and records of other state and local agencies. | CPLS | DCSS Legal | | Case Management | Federal Parent Locator Service |
| | California State Lottery Intercept | | | | Intercept | | |
| | California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids | The public assistance program that implements the requirements set forth in the federal act Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA). Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), which replaced Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC). Federally mandated changes in the new welfare program set time limits on cash assistance and include a requirement that recipients participate in a "Welfare to Work" plan. CalWORKs replaces all AFDC programs in California and is administered by the California Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). | CalWORKs | DCSS Legal | | General | Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families |
| | CalWORKS | The California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids Act, the California program under the TANF program and may also be cited as the CalWORKS program. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110097 (Proposed) | | General | California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids |

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| **C** | CalWORKs Recipient | An individual who is receiving public assistance benefits under the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program, including KinGAP, established pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code, Chapter 2, commencing with Section 11200. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110098 | | General | Custodial Party |
| | Caretaker | A relative other that a parent or an unrelated person with whom a child lives, who may or may not be receiving aid. | | DCSS Legal | | Case Management | Custodial Party |
| | Case | A non-custodial parent, whether mother, father, or alleged father, a custodial party, and a dependent child or children. The custodial party may be one of the child's parents, or other relative or caretaker including a foster parent. If both parents are absent and liable or potentially liable for the support of the child(ren), each parent is considered a separate case. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110099 | | Case Management | |
| | Case Aid Status | The classification based on whether the family is currently receiving public assistance, or formerly received public assistance, or never received public assistance. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119011(Proposed) | | Financial | |
| | Case Closure | The Title IV-D services will no longer be provided. Case closure shall not affect a child support order or arrears that have accrued under the order. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 118020 | | Case Management | |
| | Case Construct | The structure of a child support case which typically includes a non-custodial parent, a custodial party, and a child or children. | | FSD Letter 99-04 | | Case Management | |
| | Case ID | The unique identification number assigned to a case. | | LCSA glossary | | General | |
| | Case Initiation | The first step in the child support enforcement process; opening the case. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | Intake |
| | Case Law | The aggregate of reported cases as forming a body of jurisprudence, or the law of a particular subject as evidenced or formed by the adjudged cases, in distinction of statues and other sources of law. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| | Case Notes | The chronological case history of events that have occurred on a case. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | |
| | Case Participant | A participant in a child support case; a participant can participate in more than one case and in different capacities. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | |
| | Case Record | A file containing all information and documents pertaining to the case, including all relevant facts, dates, and actions taken related to the case, and all contacts made and the results of those contacts. The case record is the property of the local child support agency. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110109 | | General | |

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| **C** | Case Status | 1) An open or closed child support case 2) A chronological history of a cases progression: Example: Paternity, Establishment, Locate, Enforcement. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | |
| | Case Transfer | Each local child support agency shall transfer cases from one county to another when policy criteria are met. For Title IV-A cases, case ownership follows the custodial parent's place of residence. For non Title IV-A cases, case ownership resides in the county where the custodial party last opened a Title IV-D case. The transferring of a case involves reassignment of the case to the appropriate county, and the transfer of hard copy documents. | | CSS Letter 02-18 | | Case Management | Duplicate Case, Duplicate Case Transfer Coordinator |
| | Cash Concentration and Disbursement "Plus" | Standardized format used for electronic funds transmission (EFT) of child support withholdings from an employee's wages. | CCD+ | OCSE glossary | | General | Corporate Trade Exchange |
| | Central Registry | A unit within each state responsible for receiving, screening, and distributing incoming interstate cases, and for responding to inquiries on incoming interstate cases. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 117017 | | Interstate | |
| | Centralized Collection Unit | | | | State Disbursement Unit | | |
| | Certified Copy | A copy of a document or record, signed and certified as a true copy by the officer to whose custody the original is entrusted. A certification is a written statement and signed which is by law made evidence of the truth of the facts stated for all or for certain purposes. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| | Certified Mail Return Receipt | First Class mail that will not be delivered until someone at the address signs for it. Proof of delivery is returned to the sender by the post office. If the certified mail is marked "restricted delivery", it will only be delivered to the addressee (the person to whom it is addressed). | | LCSA glossary | | General | |
| | Change of Payee | | | | Substitution of Payee | | |
| | Change of Venue | The removal of an action begun in one county to another county for trial or hearing. A change may be permitted in the interests of justice or for the convenience of the parties. If both parents have moved from the county rendering the order, the court may, when the ends of justice and the convenience of the parties would be promoted, order the proceedings be transferred to the court of residence of either party. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| | Child | A son or daughter of human parents, under the age of 18 or 19 if still enrolled in high school. | | LCSA Glossary | | General | |

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| **C** | Child Abuse | "Child Abuse" means any of the following: (a) A physical injury which is inflicted by other than accidental means on a child by another person. (b) The sexual abuse of a child or any act or omission proscribed by Penal Code, Section 273(a). c) The neglect of a child or abuse in out-of-home care, as defined in Section 11165.3, Penal Code. (d) The willful cruelty or unjustifiable punishment of a child, as defined in Section 11165.3, Penal Code. (e) The unlawful corporal punishment or injury of a child, as defined in Section 11165.4, Penal Code. (f) The emotional or mental abuse of a child. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 112015 | | Case Intake | Abuse |
| | Child Care Expenses | Child care costs related to employment or to reasonably necessary education or training for employment skills. | | FC 4062 | | Case Management | |
| | Child Support | Amounts required to be paid under a judgment, decree, or order, whether temporary, final, or subject to modification, for the support and maintenance of a child or children, which provides for any or all of the following: monetary support, health insurance coverage, arrearages, and may include interest on delinquent child support obligations. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110129 | | General | IV-D Case, IV-A Case, IV-E Case and Non IV-D Orders |
| | Child Support Consumer Credit Reporting Notification | An initial notification to the non-custodial parent that the local child support agency intends to report his/her account information to a credit reporting agency. | | FC 4701 | | Case Management | Consumer Credit Protection Act, Credit Reporting Agencies |
| | Child Support Enforcement Agency | The agency in every state that administers the IV-D program in that state, including locating parents, establishing paternity, establishing, enforcing, and modifying child support orders, and collecting and distributing child support money. | | DCSS Legal | | General | IV-D Agency, Local Child Support Agency (LCSA) |
| | Child Support Enforcement Network | State-to-state telecommunications network, which transfers detailed information between States' automated child support enforcement systems. | | | | CSENet | LCSA glossary General |
| | Child Support Judgment | | | | Child Support Order | | |

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| **C** | Child Support Order | Any court or administrative order for the payment of a set or determinable amount of support of a child by a parent, or a court order requiring a parent to provide for health insurance coverage for a child, or a court order requiring a parent to make payment of arrearages. "Child support order" includes any court order for spousal support or for medical support to the extent these obligations are to be enforced by a single state agency for child support under Title IV-D of the federal Social Security Act (commencing with section 651 to Title 42 of the United States Code). | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110135 | | General | Child Support |
| | Child Support Pass Through | Provision by which at least $50 from a child support payment collected on behalf of a public assistance recipient is disbursed directly to the custodial party. The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996 eliminated the pass-through effective October 1, 1996. Also known as Child Support "Disregard". | | OCSE glossary | | Financial | Disregard Payment |
| | Child Support Program | | | | Child Support Enforcement Agency | | |
| | Child Support Recovery Act | A federal crime for the willful failure to pay a support obligation for a child who resides in another State or for the intentional evasion of a support obligation by traveling in interstate or foreign commerce, if the obligation remained unpaid for at least one year, or is greater than $ 5,000. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| | Citation | An order of a court to either do a certain thing or to appear before it to answer charges. The citation is typically used for lesser offenses (such as traffic violations) because it relies on the good faith of the defendant to appear as requested, as opposed to an arrest or bail. The penalty for failing to obey a citation is often a warrant for the arrest of the defendant. | | Duhaime's Law Dictionary | | Legal | |
| | Citation for Contempt | | | | Contempt | | |
| | Cite | To summon; to command the presence of a person; to notify a person of legal proceedings against him and require his appearance thereto. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | Citation |
| | Claim of Exemption | The legal procedure for a party claiming an exemption after a levy is set forth to prevent exempt property from being seized. The party may do so by filing a claim and a copy with the levying officer within 10 days after a notice of levy on the property is served on the judgment debtor. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| | Clerk of the Court | | | | Court Clerk | | |

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| **C** | Client | A term often used to refer to the recipient of a TANF grant or IV-D services. | | OCSE glossary | | General | Customer |
| | Code of Federal Regulations Regulations | A codification of the general and permanent rules published in the Federal Register by the Executive departments and agencies of the Federal Government. | | CFR | | 45 CFR, Chapter III | General |
| | Cohabitation | The fact or state of living together, esp. as partners in life, usually with the suggestion of sexual relations. | | Black's Law Dictionary | | General | |
| | Collection | A support payment received from an obligor or from any source on behalf of the obligor. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119013 (Proposed) | | Financial | |
| | Co-locate | Child support program staff "out-stationed" or located at the local county welfare office or other site offices to perform certain child support functions. | | LCSA glossary | | General | |
| | Commissioner | A person appointed by the Superior Court to act as a temporary judge to hear all Title IV-D child support cases, unless an objection is made by a party. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| | Common Law | A body of law developed from judicial decisions or custom rather than legislative enactment. | | OCSE glossary | | Legal | |
| | Community Based Organization | Private, public and non-profit organizations with whom the local child support agency can develop partnership in order to provide extensive and substantial contact with the community. Can include faith-based agencies. | | LCSA glossary | | General | |
| | Complainant | A custodial party or non-custodial parent who has made a complaint to a local child support agency or requested a state hearing. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110147 | | Legal | |
| | Complaint | The complainant's oral or written statement of an unresolved dispute and a request for resolution regarding any action or inaction of a local child support agency, or the Franchise Tax Board, concerning his/her child support case. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110148 | | Legal | complainant |
| | Complaint Coordinator | | | | Complaint Investigator | | |
| | Complaint Investigator | The person assigned by the Local Child Support Agency (LCSA) to investigate the complaint as specified in the | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 120103(a) | | Customer Service | Ombudsperson, Complaint |
| Resolution | | Complaint Resolution Process. The Complaint Investigator shall not be the individual whose action or inaction is the subject of a complaint, or an Ombudsperson. | | | | | Process |

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| **C** | Complaint Receipt Date | The date when a local child support agency initially receives a complaint from a complainant, or receives a transferred complaint from another county. (a) A written complaint shall be deemed to be received in one of the following ways: (1) If mailed, five (5) business days from the date the request is postmarked. If the postmark is illegible, the date the request is received and date stamped by a local child support agency. (2) If hand delivered, the date the request is received and date stamped by a local child support agency. (b) An oral complaint shall be deemed to be received as of the date a complainant speaks to a local child support agency representative, asks to file a complaint, and provides the information that is the basis of a complaint to a local child support agency. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 120003 | | Customer Service | |
| | Complaint Resolution Process | The actions required by the local child support agency to resolve complaints as specified in Chapter 10, Article 2. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110150 | | Customer Service | Complaint |
| | Complaint Transfer | The process for forwarding a request for complaint resolution to the appropriate county with jurisdiction. | | DCSS Policy Branch | | Customer Service | Transfer of Complaint |
| | Compliance | Compliance within the Child Support Program context refers to Local Child Support Agencies (LCSAs) adhering to and/or meeting State and Federal mandated requirements. These requirements govern identified actions LCSAs must take and set specific timeframes for those various actions when managing child support cases. Adherence to these requirements is generally expressed in terms of the quantity or quality of effort, required timeframe, and/or other mandatory measurable expectation and is monitored by the California Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) and by the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement. The results of the compliance monitoring are used as one factor in determining a state's child support funding allocation.<br>The sum and substance of state and federal regulations and requirements governing the child support program. Marginal compliance is the term that represents a 75% to 80% finding in areas reviewed; Substantial compliance is a term that represents a finding of 80% or greater in all areas of review with the exception of case closure which is 90%. | | Vic Rea, FC 17702; 45 CFR 308 | | General | Performance Measures, Non-Compliance |
| | Compliance Review | The review and determination of child support procedures, policies and fiscal records to ensure compliance with State and Federal regulations. | | FC 17702, 45 CFR 308, LCSA glossary | | General | |

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| **C** | Compromise and Release | Option an injured worker may have to settle their claim with one lump sum payment. If the claim is settled by way of Compromise and Release, they will receive one lump sum payment that covers all medical, disability and income issues. The Workers Compensation Insurance Company and the employer are then completely released from future liability. | | CCR, Title 8, Sec 10878 | | General | |
| | Compromise of Assigned Arrearages | An agreement to reduce arrearages, including interest, owed to the state in cases where separation or desertion of both parents from a child resulted in aid being granted for the child in the form of Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care (AFDC-FC) payments or California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids Act (CalWORKS) payments inclusive of payments for Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment Program (KinGAP). | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119015 | | Financial | |
| | Conclusive Presumption of Paternity | | | | Presumption of Paternity | | |
| | Conditionally Assigned Arrearages | Arrearages that were temporarily assigned while a family received public assistance, but the temporary assignment has ended because the family is no longer receiving public assistance. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119017 (Proposed) | | Financial | |
| | Confidential Information | Information maintained by child support enforcement agencies that is exempt from disclosure under provisions of the California Public Records Acts, the Family Code, or other applicable state or federal laws. | | DCSS Legal | | General | |
| | Confidential Paternity Questionnaire Affidavit in Support | questions in order to establish paternity. Differs from the Affidavit in Support of Establishing Paternity in that this document is not always sworn to or filed with the court. | | A questionnaire which is used to ask the custodial party | | | LCSA glossary of Establishing Paternity |
| | Conflict of Interest | A real or seeming incompatibility between one's private interests and one's public or fiduciary duties. | | Black's Law Dictionary | | General | |
| | Conformed Copy | An exact copy of a document bearing written explanations of things that were not or could not be copied, such as a note on the document indicating that it was signed by a person whose signature appears on the original. | | Black's Law Dictionary | | Legal | |
| | Connect: Direct | Computer network maintained by the Social Security Administration that moves large volumes of data between computer systems at State agencies, the National Directory of New Hires (NDNH), and the Federal Case Registry (FCR). Formally known as Network Data Mover (NDM). | C:D | OCSE glossary | | General | |

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| **C** | Consent Agreement | | | | Paternity Opportunity Program | | |
| | Consolidate | Civil procedure: to combine, through court order, two or more actions involving the same parties or issues into a single action ending in a single judgment or, sometimes in separate judgments. | | Black's Law Dictionary | | Legal | |
| | Consortium | In relation to child support, two or more temporary alliances engaged in the common business practice of enforcement of support pending implementation of the California Child Support Automated System (CCSAS). | | LCSA glossary | | General | |
| | Consumer Credit Agencies | Private agencies that a State can use to locate obligors to establish and enforce child support. | CCA | OCSE glossary | | General | |
| | Consumer Credit Protection Act | Federal law that limits the amount that may be withheld from earnings to satisfy child support obligations. States are allowed to set their own limits provided they do not exceed the Federal limits. Regardless of the number of withholding orders that have been served, the maximum that may be withheld for child support is: Without arrearage 50% with a second family, 60% Single; With Arrearage 55% with a second family and 12 plus weeks in arrears; 65% Single 12 plus weeks in arrears. | CCPA | OCSE glossary | | General | |
| | Consumer Dispute Verification | Notice sent to a local child support agency by the credit reporting agency when a non-custodial parent has disputed the reporting of information on their child support account. | | LCSA glossary | | General | |
| | Contempt | A willful disobedience of a valid court order. | | LCSA glossary | | Legal | |
| | Contingency Fund | A fund used by the local child support agency to pay for items immediately in cases where there will be a later reimbursement to fund from another source. | | LCSA glossary | | Financial | |
| | Continuance | A postponement of a court hearing from one date to another. | | LCSA glossary | | Legal | |
| | Continuing Exclusive Jurisdiction Uniform Interstate | The authority of a tribunal to modify a support order because at least one of the parties or the child who is the subject of the order remains a resident of the state issuing the order and written consent of the parties to confer continuing jurisdiction on another state has not been filed. | | CEJ<br>Section 117019 | | Title 22, Division 13, | Interstate Family Support Act |
| | Controlling Order | The one support order issued in a judicial or administrative proceeding that governs the amount, duration, and other terms of a child support obligation prospectively. If multiple orders have been issued, only a tribunal can determine which order is the controlling order. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 117021 | | Interstate | |

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| **C** | Controlling Order Determination | | | | Controlling Order | | |
| | Cooperation | As a condition of TANF eligibility whereby the recipient is required to cooperate with the child support agency in identifying and locating the non-custodial parent, establishing paternity, and/or obtaining child support payments. | | OCSE glossary | | General | |
| | Cooperative Agreement | The federal regulations that allow the state child support agencies to contract with local jurisdictions or private entities to provide specific child support enforcement services. The agreement sets out the responsibilities of each agency under the contractual relationship. This is the relationship established between the State of California and the local agencies that enforce the child support program. | | LCSA glossary | | General | Plan of Cooperation |
| | Corporate Trade Exchange | Standardized format used for electronic funds transmission (EFT) of child support withholdings from employees' wages. This method is preferable when processing large volumes of transactions and PRWORA requires state automated child support enforcement systems to be capable of using this format as well as the Cash Concentration and Disbursement "Plus" format. | CTX | OCSE glossary | | Financial | Cash Concentration and Disbursement "Plus" |
| | Corrective Action Plan | A written plan submitted to a controlling entity upon a person's, group or county's failure to meet overall compliance requirements. | | LCSA glossary | | General | |
| | Cost of Living Adjustment | The US Department of Labor's Bureau of Vital Statistics Consumer's Price Index (CPI), produces monthly data on changes in the prices paid by urban customers for a representative look at goods and services. Cost of living adjustments, sometimes referred to as COLA, increased wages in a systematic manner to keep income in line as best as possible with the costs of living. | COLA | LCSA glossary | | General | |
| | County | One of fifty-eight administrative subdivisions in the state of California. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110164 | | General | |
| | County Auditor and/or Controller | The Auditor-Controller's Office provides a broad range of financial accounting and auditing services to all County Departments, agencies, and districts whose funds are kept in the County Treasury. Responsible for recording all receipts and disbursements of County monies such as child support and for maintaining budgetary control of various funds. | | Gov Code 26880, 26900 | | General | |

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| **C** | County Clerk | The elected official in each county who is responsible for, among other things, taking charge of and maintaining all documents and records filed with the Superior Court or a variation which may include Superior, Municipal and Juvenile Court functions. The County Clerk shall also act as clerk of the board of supervisors; elections official or other duties as required by the Elections Code and shall distribute marriage license information. | | LCSA glossary, Govt. Code 26801-26810 | | General | |
| | County Recorder | The County Recorder is a county official appointed to record and maintain property records ( including deeds, mortgages and liens) and vital statistics records. | | LCSA glossary | | General | |
| | County Welfare Department | The office in each county responsible for administering various public assistance programs under the direction of the California Department of Social Services. | | LCSA glossary | | | |
| | County Welfare Worker | A county worker providing social services in child welfare programs or a county worker determining eligibility for assistance programs. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119019 | | General | Eligibility Worker, Social Worker |
| | Court Case Number | The number assigned by the court to a court action. | | LCSA glossary | | General | |
| | Court Clerk | Officer of the court who files pleadings, motions, judgments, etc., issues process and keeps records of court proceedings. | | DCSS Legal | | General | |
| | Court Fees | | | | Fees | | |
| | Court Order | A legally binding edict issued by a court of law. Issued by a magistrate, judge, or properly empowered administrative officer. A court order related to child support can dictate how often, how much, what kind of support a non-custodial parent is to pay, how long he or she is to pay it, and whether an employer must withhold support from their wages. | | OCSE glossary | | Legal | Child Support Judgment |
| | Court Ordered Arrearages | | | | Arrearage | | |
| | CR 60 | The California Parent Locator Service (CPLS) form by which a child support agency employee may obtain EDD records, UIB information, DIB information, property tax exemption information, FTB taxpayer information, DMV records, CII rap sheets, identification photographs, vital statistics from the Bureau of Vital Statistics and verification of social security benefits, SSI/SSP and veterans benefits. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | California Parent Locator Service |

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| **C** | Credit Reporting Agencies | Any entity which regularly engages in the practice of assembling or evaluating consumer credit information or other information on consumers for the purpose of furnishing consumer reports to third parties. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 116018 | | Enforcement | Child Support Consumer Credit Reporting Notification |
| | Criminal Identification and Information | maintains criminal history records (rap sheets) | A branch of the California Department of Justice which | | | CII | LCSA glossary |
| | Cross Reference Case | A companion case involving a non-custodial parent or custodial party. Usually consisting of other children by either parent with a different mother or father. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | |
| | CS 1257 | The Federal Fiscal Monthly Data and Accounts Receivable Report | | FC 17602 | | General | |
| | CS 157 | The Federal Fiscal year Annual Data and Accounts Receivable Report. Covers A) Case Inventory, B) Paternity Established, C) Services Required, D) Services Provided, E)Medical Support, F), Collections Due and Distributed, G) Staff, H), Program Expenditures, I) Non-coop and Good Cause and J) Administrative Enforcement. | | FC 17602 | | General | |
| | CS 34 | Monthly report of Collections and Distributions replacing CS 800, 803 and 820 | | FC 17602 | | General | |
| | CS 35 | Supplemental to Monthly Report of Collection and Distributions. | | FC 17602 | | General | |
| | CS 457 | The Federal Fiscal Quarterly Data and accounts receivable report. | | FC 17602 | | General | |
| | Current Assistance Case | A case in which an obligee or child is currently receiving public assistance and Title IV-D services from a local child support agency. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119021 (Proposed) | | Financial | |
| | Current Support Payment | Support collected pursuant to a court-ordered current support obligation and any voluntary payments for the month. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119023 (Proposed) | | Financial | Child Support, Family Support, Medical Support, Spousal Support |
| | Custodial Parent | | | | Custodial Party | | |
| | Custodial Party Obligee | The person having primary care, custody and control over the child(ren) and who is/are receiving or has applied to receive services under Title IV-D of the Federal Social Security Act (commencing with Section 651 of Title 42 of the United States Code). | | CP Section 110182 | | Title 22, Division 13, General | |

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| **C** | Custody | Means the charge and control of a child including the right to make all major decisions such as education, religious upbringing, training, health and welfare. | | DCSS Legal | | General | Custodial party |
| | Custody Determination | Judgment, decree or order of a court providing for the custody of a child. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110184 | | General | |
| | Custody Order | | | | Custody Determination | | |
| | Customer | Custodial parties, non-custodial parents, employers, and the public who make inquiries or raise questions about child support services. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110186 | | General | |
| | Customer Service Support Center | The term that identifies the proposed statewide call center stemming from the Department of Child Support Services' commitment to providing excellent customer service. | CSSC | AB 150 | | General | |
| | CW 2.1(Q) | Form known as a Child Support Questionnaire or Absent Parent Questionnaire. It is required by the county welfare department to be completed by the CalWORKs recipient prior to aid being granted. The information requested includes the non-custodial parent's location, employment, description, assets, court order information, child support payment information, child(ren)'s name, social security number and date of birth of the non-custodial parent. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | Assignment of Support Rights |
| | CW 371 | Transmittal used for communication between the local county welfare department and the local child support agency which provides child support information. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | |
| **D** | Data Element | A computer term used to designate a group of one or more data characters forming one fact. | | LCSA glossary | | General | |
| | Date of Birth | The date a person was born. | DOB | | | | |
| | Date of Collection | The date for determining entitlement to a support payment received by a local child support agency, as specified in Section 119079. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119026 (Proposed) | | Financial | |
| | Date of Emancipation | The date of independence of children from their parents due to age or circumstances. This includes a person who reaches the age of 18 and children who have not yet reached the age of 18 but have entered into a valid marriage, is on active duty with the armed forces of the United States, or has received a declaration of emancipation. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| | Date of Injury | In a workers compensation claim, this is the date an employee/worker was injured. | DOI | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | |

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| **D** | Date of Receipt | The date a local child support agency receives a support payment. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119028 (Proposed) | | Financial | |
| | Day | This means calendar day unless otherwise specified. | | Title 22, Division, 13, Section 110194 | | General | |
| | Dear Colleague Letter | OCSE acronym only | DCL | OCSE glossary | | Case Management | |
| | Declaration of Paternity | A document signed by both parents stating that they are a child's parents. Filing this document with the State establishes the man as the child's legal father. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | Acknowledgment of Paternity, Voluntary Acknowledgement of Paternity |
| | Decree | The judicial decision of a litigated action, usually in "equitable" cases such as divorce (as opposed to cases in law in which judgments are entered). | | OCSE Glossary | | Legal | Judgment |
| | Default | The failure of a defendant to file an answer or appear in a civil case within the prescribed time after having been properly served with a summons and complaint. | | OCSE glossary | | Legal | |
| | Default Judgment | Judgment entered against a party who has failed to defend against a claim that has been brought by another party within 30 days of service thereof. When a party against whom a judgment is sought failed to answer or otherwise defend, that party is in default and a judgment by default may be entered either by the clerk or the court. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | Default, Proposed Judgment |
| | Defendant | The person against whom a civil or criminal proceeding is begun. | | OCSE glossary | | Legal | |
| | Defense Finance and Accounting Services | The agency responsible for the payment of active duty and reserve military personnel. | DFAS | DFAS Web site | | General | |
| | Delinquent | As applies to child support obligations, the failure to pay a child support debt when due. | | DCSS Legal | | General | |
| | Demand Letter | A letter filed with the escrow company demanding that the Judgment Debtor (Defendant) against whom a Lien has been filed, pay a certain amount of money before a Release of Lien can be filed. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | Lien, Release of Lien, Satisfaction of Judgment |
| | Department | This means the California Department of Child Support Services. | | Title 22, Section 13, Section 110200 | | General | |

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| **D** | Department of Health and Human Services | The Federal government's principal agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves. | | DHHS | | LCSA glossary | General |
| | Dependency Hearing | A hearing held in juvenile court at which the court is asked to take custody of the child from the parents usually because of neglect, abuse, or inability of the parent(s) to care for the child. Dependency hearings are brought under Welfare and Institutions Code section 300. In some cases the child(ren) are allowed to return home under court supervision. | | LCSA glossary | | Legal | Juvenile Court, Foster Care, Placement |
| | Dependent | A child who is under the care of someone else. Most children who are eligible to receive child support must be a dependent. The child ceases to be a dependent when they reach the "age of emancipation" as determined by State law, but depending on the State's provisions, may remain eligible for child support for a period after they are emancipated. | | OCSE glossary | | General | |
| | DHS 6110 | A Medical Insurance Form, for all public cases which is forwarded to the Department of Health Services, Third Party Liability Branch and contains health insurance coverage enrollment information for the minor child(ren). | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 116114(d)&(e) | | Case Management | |
| | Direct Income Withholding | An income withholding order that has been issued in one state and sent to an employer in another state without filing a petition or comparable pleading, or registering the order with the tribunal in the other state. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 117025 | | Interstate | Income Withholding |
| | Direct Payment | A support payment which was sent directly to the obligee rather than to a local child support agency. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119030 (Proposed) | | Financial | |
| | Director | This means the Director of the California Department of Child Support Services. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110220 | | General | |
| | Disability Insurance Benefit | Benefits paid to an employee who becomes disabled and who is participating in the State Disability Insurance (SDI) Program through payroll deductions. These benefits are subject to wage assignment and are paid through the EDD office. | | LCSA glossary | | General | |
| | Disability Insurance Benefit Intercept | | | | Intercept | | |
| | Disbursed | The dispensing or paying out, of a collection. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110224 | | Financial | |

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| **D** | Disbursement | | | | Disbursed | | |
| | Discharge | With regard to a bankruptcy proceeding, the release of a debtor from all of his debts which are provable in bankruptcy, except such as are excepted by the Bankruptcy Code. Child support obligations are not dischargeable in bankruptcy, although the bankruptcy may affect the manner in which these obligations can be collected. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | Bankruptcy |
| | Disclosure Prohibited Notice | A notice that the Federal Case Registry (FCR) is required to send to a party that has requested locate information stating that the information cannot be disclosed because the person whose information is being sought has a family violence indicator (FVI) on either a IV-D case or a non IV-D order in the FCR. | | OCSE glossary | | Case Management | Family Violence Indicator, Non-Disclosure |
| | Dismissal | The act of voluntarily terminating a lawsuit, a cause of action or motion by one of the parties or a judge's ruling that a lawsuit is terminated. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | With Prejudice, Without Prejudice |
| | Disposable Earnings | The income that is subject to withholding left after making mandatory deductions for taxes including State, federal, local, Social Security, Medicare taxes and union dues, along with deductions for disability insurance and payments to public employees' retirement systems, provided that the deductions are required as a condition of employment. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110226 | | General | |
| | Disposition | The court’s decision of what should be done about a dispute that has been brought to its attention. For instance, the disposition of the court may be that child support is ordered or an obligation is modified. | | OCSE glossary | | Legal | Adjudication |
| | Disregard | Up to the first $50.00 of a current support collection that is sent to an obligee on behalf of a current assistance case receiving TANF/CalWORKS/KinGAP benefits. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119032 (Proposed) | | Financial | Child Support Pass Through |
| | Dissolution | A judgment ending a marriage which may or may not include provisions for child support, division of property, etc. | | LCSA glossary | | Legal | |
| | Distributed | The application of monies to specific accounts to determine the appropriate disbursement of monies. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110230 | | Financial | |
| | Distribution | | | | Distributed | | |
| | Divorce | A common name for a marriage that is legally dissolved. | | LCSA glossary | | General | Dissolution |
| | DNA Test | | | | Genetic Testing | | |
| | Doing Business As | OCSE acronym only | DBA | | | | |

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| **D** | Domestic Violence | "Domestic Violence" means abuse perpetrated against any of the following persons: (a) A spouse or former spouse. (b) A cohabitant or former cohabitant, as defined in Section 6209, Family Code. (c ) A person with whom the individual who perpetrated the act of domestic violence is having or has had a dating or engagement relationship. (d) A person with whom the individual who perpetrated the act of domestic violence has had a child, where the presumption applies that the male parent is the father of the child of the female parent under the Uniform Parentage Act (Part 3 of Division 12 commencing with Section 7600) of the Family Code. (e) A child of a party or a child who is the subject of an action under the Uniform Parentage Act, where the presumption applies that the male parent is the father of the child to be protected. (f) Any other person related by blood or marriage, such as grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, and children. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 112025 | | Case Intake | Abuse, Child Abuse |
| | Domestic Violence Questionnaire | A form (CSS 2142) requiring completion and submission to the local child support agency by the custodial party or non-custodial parent if one of them believe that the release of identifying information about him/her to the federal government could result in physical or emotional harm to the party/parent(s), or to the children of the party/parent(s). | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 112300 | | General | Domestic Violence |
| | Driver's License Number | The number assigned to an individual when he or she is successful in passing the driving examinations that are given by the Department of Motor Vehicles. | | LCSA glossary | | General | |
| | Due Process | The conduct of legal proceedings according to those rules and principles which have been established in our system of law for the enforcement and protection of private rights. Its most essential elements are a court with proper jurisdiction over the subject matter and the defendant, notice to each party, the opportunity for each party to present evidence and to challenge the opposing party's evidence, orderly procedures, and a neutral and unbiased trier of fact determines the facts and decides the issues only on the basis of the persuasiveness of relevant evidence properly admitted. Due process is a safeguard against unreasonable, arbitrary, and capricious decisions. | | LCSA glossary | | Legal | |
| | Duplicate Case | A situation in which there is more than one case open in the State of California involving the same case participants. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | Case Transfer, Duplicate Case Transfer Coordinator |
| | Duplicate Case Transfer Coordinator | The individual in each local child support agency designated as the single point of contact for case transfers. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | |

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| **E** | Earnings | "Earnings" means any of the following to the extent that they are subject to an income withholding order for support: a) Wages, salary, bonuses, vacation pay, retirement pay, and commissions. b) Payments for services of independent contractors, dividends, rents, royalties, residuals, patent rights or mineral or other natural resource rights. c) Payments or credits due or becoming due as a result of a written or oral contract for services or sales whether denominated as wages, salary, commission, bonus, or otherwise. d) Payments due for workers' compensation temporary disability benefits. e) Payments due from a disability or health insurance policy or program. f) Any other payments or credits due or becoming due, regardless of the source. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110242 | | General | |
| | Earnings Assignment | | | | Order/Notice to Withhold Income for Child Support | | |
| | Earnings Withholding Order | | | | Income Withholding Order | | |
| | Electronic Data Interchange | Process by which information regarding an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) transaction is transmitted electronically along with the EFT funds transfer. | EDI | OCSE glossary | | Financial | |
| | Electronic Funds Transfer Concentration | Process by which money is transmitted electronically from one bank account to another. | | EFT | | OCSE glossary | Financial Cash and Disbursement "Plus", Corporate Trade Exchange |
| | Eligibility Worker | A case worker at the IV-A (human services) agency. | EW | LCSA glossary | | General | Social Worker, Welfare Worker |
| | Emancipation | A person who reaches his or her 18th birthday or the process by which a person under the age of 18 is declared independent of their parents. Any person under the age of 18 who comes within the following description is an emancipated minor: one who has entered into a valid marriage, whether or not such marriage was terminated by dissolution; or who is on active duty with any of the armed forces of the United States; or who has received a declaration of emancipation by the courts. | | LCSA glossary | | General | Date of Emancipation |

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| **E** | Employer | This means all of the following: (a) A person for whom an individual performs services as an employee, as defined in Section 706.011, Code of Civil Procedure. (b) The United States government and any public entity as defined in Section 811.2, Government Code. (c) Any person or entity paying the following types of earnings: (1) Wages, salary, bonus, money and benefits described in Sections 704.110, 704.113 and 704.115 of the Code of Civil Procedure. (2) Payments due for services of independent contractors, interest, dividends, rents, royalties, residuals, patent rights, or mineral or other nature resource rights. (3) Payments or credits due or becoming due as a result of written or oral contracts for services or sales whether denominated as wages, salary, commission, bonus, or otherwise. (4) Payments due for workers' compensation temporary disability benefits. (5) Payments due as a result of disability from benefits described in Section 704.130 of the Code of Civil Procedure. (6) Any other payments or credits due or becoming due, regardless of source. | | Title 22 Division 13, Section 110250 | | General | |
| | Employer Identification Number | | | | Federal Employer Identification Number | | |
| | Employment Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 | The Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 is a federal law that sets minimum standards for most voluntarily established pension and health plans in private industry to provide protection for individuals in these plans. | ERISA | www.dol.gov | | General | |
| | Employment Verification | The process of confirming that a non-custodial parent is working for that particular employer. An employer letter is mailed requesting the information and verification. | | CCDP Project | | Case Management | |
| | Employment-Related Group Health Insurance | Health Insurance employment or membership in a union, trade association, or other organization. | | Private group health insurance coverage provided through Section 110251 | | | Title 22, Division 13, Enforcement Coverage |
| | Endorsed Filed Copy | Stamped with the stamp of the agency in which the original document has been filed (the County Clerk's office, for example). The endorsement verifies that the original was, in fact, filed. | | LCSA glossary | | Legal | |
| | Enforcement | Actions taken to obtain payment of a child, family, medical, or spousal support obligation contained in a child support order. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110252 | | General | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **E** | Entry of Judgment | The formal entry of judgment on the rolls or records of the court, which is necessary before bringing an appeal or an action on the judgment. The entering of a judgment is a ministerial act performed by the clerk of the court by means of which permanent evidence of judicial act in rendering judgment is made a record of the court. | | LCSA glossary | | Legal | |
| | Enumeration and Verification System | (SSNs), and identify multiple SSNs, of participants in child support cases. Operated by the Social Security Administration (SSA). | System used to verify and correct Social Security Numbers | | | EVS | OCSE glossary Case Management |
| | Escrow | A process wherein a party or entity, usually a title company, acts as a third party in a property transaction. The escrow officer transfers title to the property to the buyer only when certain payments have been made and other conditions set by the parties have been met. One of the conditions may be that the seller be able to transfer clear title to the buyer or lender. | | LCSA glossary | | General | |
| | Establishment | The process of legally determining paternity and/or obtaining a court or administrative order to put a child support obligation in place. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110261 | | General | |
| | Estoppel | A equitable principle that provides that a party is prevented by his own acts from claiming a right to the detriment of the other party who is entitled to rely on such conduct and has acted accordingly. An individual is barred from denying or alleging a certain fact or state facts because of that individual's previous conduct, allegations or denial. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| | Ex Parte | The Latin phrase for "from one side only." A judicial proceeding, order, injunction where it is granted at the instance and for the benefit of one party only, and without notice to, or contestation by, any person adversely interested. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| | Excess | The amount of assigned support paid that exceeds the unreimbursed assistance pool. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119035 (Proposed) | | Financial | |
| | Exclusion | A term used to denote the exclusion of a putative parent as the result of a genetic test. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | Putative Father |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **E** | Executor | A person named in a will to carry out the will's directions and requests, usually under the supervision of the probate court. The executor's main responsibilities include taking care of the estate, paying the decedent's debts and estate taxes, and distributing the decedent's money and other property as directed by the will. | | LCSA glossary | | General | |
| | Exhibit | A document produced to a court during a trial or hearing as a voucher or in proof of facts and which upon being accepted, is marked for identification and made a part of the case. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| | Expedited Process | Accelerated administrative or judicial processing of a case. | | MPP 12-01(e)(2) 12-109 | | Case Management | |
| | Extension of Time | An extension of the time for performing an act that is otherwise to be done within the time specified by the court rules. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| | External Customer | | | | Customer | | |
| | External Locate Source | A source of locate information that is outside the Child Support Enforcement (CSE) system. | | DCSS Legal | | Case Management | |
| **F** | Failure to Appear | OCSE acronym only | FTA | | | | |
| | Fair Credit Reporting Act | The law lists the instances when a consumer reporting agency may furnish an individual's consumer report. (Public Law 91-508 Section 604. Permissible Purposes of Reports) | | LCSA glossary | | General | |
| | Fair Hearing | A hearing conducted by a hearing officer in the Health and Human Services Department which is requested by a welfare recipient when the recipient does not agree with a decision made by the county welfare department or the local child support agency affecting their eligibility. The purpose of the fair hearing is to take evidence and determine if a welfare recipient was correctly denied aid. One of the reasons for removing a welfare recipient from the CalWORKS program is the recipient's lack of cooperation with the local child support agency. | | LCSA glossary | | General | Cooperation, Non-Cooperation, Good Cause |
| | Family Assistance Unit | A two digit code that represents the unit in which the participants have applied for, received, or are receiving public assistance. | FAU | LCSA glossary | | General | |
| | Family Budget Unit | | | | Family Assistance Unit | | |

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| **F** | Family Law Facilitator | An adjunct to the court who is an attorney that provides educational services concerning the process of establishing or modifying support orders, completing forms, preparing income and expense forms, declarations of paternity, and support schedules based on statutory guidelines. There are Family Law Facilitators in each California County. | | LCSA glossary | | General | |
| | Family Support | An agreement between the parents, or a court order or judgment, that combines child support and spousal support without designating the specific amount to be paid for each. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119037 (Proposed) | | General | |
| | Family Support Act of 1988 | Law passed in 1988, with two major mandates: Immediate Wage Withholding, unless courts find that there is good cause to not require such withholding, or there is a written agreement between both parties requiring an alternative arrangement; and Guidelines for Child Support Award Amounts, which requires States to use guidelines to determine the amount of support for each family, unless they are rebutted by a written finding that applying the guidelines would be inappropriate to the case. | FSA | OCSE glossary | | Legal | |
| | Family Violence | This means domestic violence as defined in Section 112025, or child abuse as defined in Section 112015. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 112034 | | Case Intake | Domestic Violence, Child Abuse, Abuse |
| | Family Violence Indicator | The designation of a party in a case or order by a state that indicates that party is associated with an act of child abuse or domestic violence. This indicator resides in the Federal Case Registry and is used to prevent disclosure of the location of a party and/or a child believed by a state to be at risk of family violence. | FVI | Title 22, Division 13, Section 112035 | | Case Intake | Disclosure Prohibited Notice, Non-Disclosure Order, Domestic Violence, Child Abuse, Abuse |
| | Federal Case Registry | A national database of information on individuals in all Title IV-D cases, and on all non-Title IV-D orders entered or modified on or after October 1, 1998. The Federal Case Registry is part of the expanded Federal Parent Locator Service, which is maintained by the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement. | | FCR Section 110284 | | Title 22, Division 13, | General |
| | Federal Employer Identification Number | Unique nine-digit number assigned to all employers by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), which must be used in numerous transactions, including submitting data and responding to requests relevant to child support. | FEIN | OCSE glossary | | Case Management | |
| | Federal Foster Care | The 24-hour out-of-home- care provided to children whose own families are unable or unwilling to care for them, and who are in need of temporary or long-term substitute parenting funded under Title IV-E with federal funds. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110299 | | General | |

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| **F** | Federal Income Tax Refund Offset Program | | | | Federal Tax Refund Offset Program | | |
| | Federal Information Processing Standard Code | The five-digit code that identifies every state and county in the United States. The first two digits represent the state and the last three digits represent the county. Each jurisdiction in the United States and its territories has a unique "FIPS" code. This code is sometimes known as the "collection agency's standard code". | | FIPS | | OCSE glossary | Case Management |
| | Federal Parent Locator Service | A computerized national location network operated by the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE), within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). FPLS obtains address and employer information, as well as data on child support cases in every State, compares them and returns matches to the appropriate States. FPLS includes the Federal Case Registry (FCR) and the National Directory of New Hires (NDNH). | FPLS | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110289 | | General | |
| | Federal Performance Measures | | | | Performance Measures | | |
| | Federal Tax Refund Offset Program | | | Program that collects past due child support amounts from | | | OCSE glossary |
| | Case Management | Intercept, Passport non-custodial parents through the interception of their Federal income tax refund, or an administrative payment, such as Federal retirement benefits. This program also incorporates the Passport Denial Program, which denies U.S. passports at the time of application when the applicant's child support debts exceed $5,000. In the future, the program will expand to include the revocation and/or restriction of already issued passports. The cooperation of States in the submittal of cases for tax interception is mandatory, while submittal of cases for administrative interception is optional. The Federal Tax Refund Offset Program is operated in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service, the U.S. Department of Treasury's Financial Management Service (FMS), the U.S. Department of State, and State Child Support Enforcement (CSE) Agencies. | | | | | Denial Program |
| | Fees | A fixed monetary charge for services rendered. | | LCSA glossary | | General | |
| | Filed | A legal document received and accepted by the clerk of the court, or other official authorized to receive the document. | | LCSA glossary | | Legal | |
| | Filed Date | The date that a document is filed. | | LCSA glossary | | Legal | |

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| **F** | Final Decision | The final determination by the State DCSS Director or the Director's designee based on a proposed decision for all state hearings within 20 days from the date of the close of record. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 120217 | | Customer Service | |
| | Financial Institution Data Match | An automated data match with financial institutions to identify assets belonging to an obligor who is delinquent in his/her support obligation. | | FIDM | | DCSS Legal | General Multistate Financial Institution Data Match, Single State Financial Data Match |
| | Financial Management | Financial Management is one of the six performance areas in the Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI) Manual representing the work or essential business and business processes of California's child support program. It encompasses the functional areas of Obligation, Collection, Distribution, and Disbursement. | | QAPI | | Financial | |
| | Financial Management Service | The agency within the federal Department of Treasury responsible for the federal tax refund offset and the administrative offset programs. | FMS | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119039 (Proposed) | | Financial | |
| | Findings and Order After Hearing | A formal order prepared after a hearing on a motion or order to show cause, which includes a formal finding of facts. | | LCSA glossary | | Legal | |
| | Fiscal Year | An accounting period of 12 months. Federal: October 1 through September 30. State: July l through June 30. | FY | DCSS Legal | | General | |
| | Foreign Order | An order issued by a tribunal of a jurisdiction outside of California. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 117030 | | Interstate | |
| | Former Assistance Case | A case in which an obligee and/or child has formerly received public assistance and is currently receiving Title IV-D services from a local child support agency. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119042 (Proposed) | | Financial | |
| | Foster Care | The 24 hour out-of-home care provided to children whose own families are unable or unwilling to care for them, and who are in need of temporary or long-term substitute parenting funded under Title IV-E with federal, state, and county funds. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110299 (Proposed) | | General | IV-E Case |
| | Foster Care Placement | Placement of a dependent child of the court in a foster home after removal of the child from the home because of abuse, neglect or inability to care for the child. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | Dependency Hearing, Juvenile Court |
| | Franchise Tax Board | | | | California Franchise Tax Board | | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **F** | Franchise Tax Board Bank Levy | To seize the money in a non-custodial parent's bank account, enforced by the Franchise Tax Board on behalf of the Local Child Support Agency. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | Levy |
| | Franchise Tax Board Child Support Collections Program | The program whereby Local Child Support Agencies transfer case information on child support delinquencies to the Franchise Tax Board for collection in the same manner the Franchise Tax Board collects delinquent tax obligations. | | California Franchise Tax Board General Section 110306 | | | Title 22, Division 13, |
| | Franchise Tax Board Refund Intercept | A program in which claims for delinquent child support submitted by the Local Child Support Agency on an intercept list are deducted from a taxpayer's state income tax refund by the Franchise Tax Board and sent to the Local Child Support Agency. | | LCSA glossary | | General | Intercept |
| | Franchise Tax Board Representative Customer Service | The person sent by the Franchise Tax Board to any State hearing, if requested by a LCSA, to assist in resolving the complaint. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 120217 | | | |
| | Fraud | A false representation of a present or past fact made by a party in which another party took action in reliance thereupon and damages (including parting with something valuable or surrendering a legal right) resulted to the relying party from the misrepresentation. | | DCSS Legal | | General | Welfare Fraud |
| | Fraud Referral | A referral made to the county welfare department notifying the agency that welfare fraud is suspected. | | LCSA glossary | | General | Fraud, Welfare Fraud |
| | Full Faith and Credit | Law under which a State must honor an order or judgment entered in another State. | | OCSE glossary | | Case Management | Full Faith and Credit for Child Support Orders Act |
| | Full Faith and Credit for Child Support Orders Act | Law effective October 20, 1994, which requires States to enforce child support orders made by other States if: the issuing State's tribunal had subject matter jurisdiction to hear and resolve the matter and enter an order; the issuing State's tribunal had personal jurisdiction over the parties; and, reasonable notice and the opportunity to be heard was given to the parties. FFCCSOA also limits a State's ability to modify another States' child support orders in instances when: the State tribunal seeking to modify the order has jurisdiction to do so; and, the tribunal that originally issued the order no longer has continuing, exclusive jurisdiction over the order either because the child and the parties to the case are no longer residents of the issuing State, or the parties to the case have filed written consent to transfer continuing exclusive jurisdiction to the tribunal seeking to make the modification…. | FFCCSOA | OCSE glossary | | Interstate | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **F** | Full Package | | | | CR 60 | | |
| | Full Satisfaction of Judgment | A release of lien which is issued when the account is paid in full and all of the children have been emancipated, i.e., when there is no ongoing child support. | | LCSA glossary | | General | |
| | Future Payment | | | | Futures | | |
| | Futures | Collections received in a month that exceed both the current support obligation and the arrearages owed that are credited towards obligations that will become due in a future month. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119043 (Proposed) | | Financial | |
| **G** | Garnishment | A legal proceeding under which part of a person's wages and/or assets is withheld for payment of a debt. | | OCSE glossary | | Legal | Income Withholding; Wage Withholding; Direct Income Withholding; Immediate Wage Withholding. |
| | General Assistance | Aid to destitute adults provided through Social Services Department, funded totally by county tax dollars. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | |
| | General Testimony | General Testimony is the title of the form OCSE-OMB-0970-0085-G. The General Testimony provides a framework for stating the detailed information and evidence necessary to support the action requested in the UIFSA | | OCSE-OMB-0970-0085 | | Interstate | Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act. |
| | Genetic Factors | Characteristics which are passed on to the child from the mother and father. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | Genetic Testing |
| | Genetic Testing | Analysis of inherited factors to determine fatherhood or paternity | | OCSE glossary | | Case Management | |
| | Good Cause | A determination that a Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) recipient is excused from cooperating with the child support enforcement process, such as past physical harm by the child's father. It also includes situations where rape or incest | | OCSE glossary | | Case Management | Temporary Assistance to Needy Families; IV-A Case |
| | Grant | Monthly amount of cash assistance provided to a family receiving Temporary Assistance to Needy Families | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | |
| | Gross Monthly Income | Earnings before any mandatory deductions . | | LCSA glossary | | General | |
| | Guardian | The legal guardian of the child, who assumed care and control of the child while the child was in the guardian's control, and who is not a biological or adoptive parent. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119045 | | General | |

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| **G** | Guardian ad Litem | A court-appointed adult who represents a minor child or legally incompetent person. | | LCSA glossary | | Legal | |
| | Guideline Child Support | | | | Guidelines | | |
| | Guidelines | A standard method for setting child support obligations based on the income of the person(s) and other factors determined by State law… | | OCSE glossary | | Case Management | |
| **H** | Hardship | Circumstances that create extreme financial hardship for which the court may allow an income deduction such as extraordinary health expenses, uninsured catastrophic losses and living expenses of other natural or adopted children who reside with the parent | | FC 4071 | | Case Management | |
| | Health and Human Services Data Center | Provides cost-effective, large scale computer processing and telecommunications services to the departments within California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHSA). | | HHSDC | | LCSA glossary | General |
| | Health Care Provider | Person or business that make available services offered by the medical and allied health professions. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | |
| | Health Insurance Coverage | The provisions for the delivery of both of the following: a) Health care services by a fee for service, health maintenance organization, preferred provider organization, or any other type of health care delivery system under which medical services could be provided to a dependent child of an obligor. B) Vision care and dental care services whether the vision care or dental care coverage is included in health insurance coverage or is issued as a separate policy or plan. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110336 | | General | Medical Support |
| | Health Insurance Coverage at a Reasonable Cost | Employment-related group health insurance or other group health insurance, regardless of the service delivery mechanism. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110337 | | General | Employment-Related Group Health Insurance |
| | Hearing | A proceeding of relative formality where definite issues of fact or law is tried, witnesses are heard and evidence is taken to determine issues of fact and to render a decision on the basis of that evidence. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| | Hearing Date | The date of the state hearing which shall be deemed to include the period from the opening of the record to the close of the record, including any continuances that may have been granted. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110341 | | General | |

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| **H** | Home State | The state in which a child lived with a parent or a person acting as a parent for at least six consecutive months immediately preceding the time filing of a petition or comparable pleading for support, and if a child is less than six months old, the state in which the child lived from birth with a parent or person acting as a parent. A period of temporary absence of the child from the parent or person acting as the parent shall be counted as part of the six-month or other period. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 117036 | | Interstate | Uniform Interstate Family Support Act |
| | HR Bills | Bills introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives begin with the letters "HR". | | OCSE glossary | | General | |
| **I** | Immediate Wage Withholding Withholding; | An automatic deduction from income that starts as soon as the agreement for support is established. | | OCSE glossary | | Legal | Income Wage Withholding; Direct Income Withholding |
| | Improperly Withheld | Any support amount withheld by an employer which is greater than the amount specified in the income withholding order issued pursuant to Article 1, Subchapter 6.1, Section 116100. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119047 (Proposed) | | Financial | |
| | Imputed Income | Fringe benefits provided to employees that may be taxable but which cannot be counted as additional disposable income that is subject to child support obligations. | | OCSE glossary | | Case Management | Disposable Income; Guidelines |
| | In forma pauperis | Permission given by the court to a person to file a case without payment of the required court fees because the person cannot afford to pay them; from the Latin for " in the manner of a pauper." | | www.courtinfo.ca.gov | | Legal | Indigent |
| | In propria persona | A case in which a party represents him or herself without an attorney; same as " in pro per", from the Latin for "in one's own proper person." | | www.courtinfo.ca.gov | | Legal | |
| | Incentives | A percentage of collections paid by one political subdivision to another to reimburse the latter for their collection effort on behalf of the former. Used to fund the County's share of the program. | | LCSA glossary | | General | Program Improvement Plan |
| | Inclusion Probability | The probability that a specific man is the biological father of the child upon genetic testing. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | Genetic Testing, Biological Father |

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| I | Income | As defined by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA), income is any periodic form of payment to an individual, regardless of source, including wages, salaries, commissions, bonuses, worker's compensation, disability, pension, or retirement program payments and interest. All income (except imputed income) is subject to withholding for child support, pursuant to a child support order, but is protected by Consumer Credit Protection Act limits, both State and federal. | | OCSE glossary | | Case Management | Guidelines |
| | Income and Eligibility Verification System | A system that allows the Child Support department to access information from EDD, FTB, and SSA on any individual requested by the department. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | |
| | Income and Expense Declaration | A Judicial Council form used in Family Law proceedings to set forth and calculate a party's income and expenses. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | |
| | Income Tax Refund Offset Notice | Notice sent to non-custodial parent of possible interception of tax refund to be applied to past due arrearages of past due court ordered child support. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | Intercept |
| | Income Withholding | A procedure by which automatic deductions are made from wages or income, as defined in the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA), to pay a debt such as child support… | | OCSE glossary | | Case Management | Wage Withholding; Direct Income Withholding; Immediate Wage Withholding |
| | Income Withholding Order | A court order or administrative notice for income withholding, or legal process directed to an obligor's employer, or other debtor of the obligor, to withhold from the income of the obligor an amount owed for support. Any income withholding order or assignment order, or assignment order for support, or earnings assignment order, or wage assignment order issued by a local child support agency shall be issued on the federal form "Order/Notice to Withhold Income for Child Support", OMB Control No. 0970-0154 as adopted by the California Judicial Council. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110355 | | General | Income withholding |
| | Independent Contractor Registry | A database maintained by the Employment Development Department which contains information regarding independent contractors reported in California, as required in Section 1088.8, Unemployment Insurance Code. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 116036 | | Enforcement | |
| | Indigent | Generally, this term defines a person who is poor, needy, and has no one to look to for support | | www.courtinfo.ca.gov | | General | |

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| **I** | | | | | | |
| Individual Retirement Account | A savings account in which a person may deposit up to a stipulated amount each year with the deposits deductible from taxable income and both deposits and interest taxable after the person's retirement. | IRA | www.merriam-webster.com | | Case Management | |
| Information Memorandum | Document that provides State child support enforcement agencies with information on program practices that can be useful to program improvement. | | OCSE glossary | | General | |
| Initiating Jurisdiction | The State or county court, or administrative agency, which sends a request for action to another jurisdiction in interstate child support cases. The requested action can include a request for wage withholding or for review and adjustment of existing child support obligations. In cases where a State is trying to establish an initial child support order on behalf of a resident custodial parent, they do not have Long Arm Jurisdiction (i.e., they cannot legally claim personal jurisdiction over a person who is not a resident), they must file a Two-State action under the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA) guidelines. | | OCSE glossary | | Interstate | Long Arm Jurisdiction; Two-State Action; Uniform Interstate Family Support Act. |
| Initiating State | A state from which a proceeding is forwarded, or in which a proceeding is filed for forwarding, to a responding state. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 117047 | | Interstate | Uniform Interstate Family Support Act. |
| Initiating Tribunal | The court, administrative agency, or quasi-judicial entity in an initiating state authorized to establish, enforce, or modify support orders or to determine paternity. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 117049 | | Interstate | Uniform Interstate Family Support Act. |
| Injunctive Orders | A court order prohibiting someone from doing some specified act or commanding someone to undo some wrong or injury. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | Temporary Restraining Order |
| Injured Spouse Claim | In cases where an NCP and present spouse file joint federal income tax returns, the present spouse may lodge a complaint with the IRS to get back his/her portion of the return that was intercepted by DCSS. | | LCSA glossary | | Enforcement | |
| Innocent Spouse Claim | Similar to an injured spouse claim, in California a spouse may file for "innocent spouse" relief by writing a letter to the Franchise Tax Board explaining why s/he should receive his/her portion of the State tax refund. | | LCSA glossary | | Enforcement | |
| Intact Family | A family group consisting of both parents living in the home with dependent child(ren). | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | Temporary Assistance to Needy Families |
| Intake | The process of responding to a request for Child Support Services and seeking to obtain the best information possible to initiate the case and establish a case record. | | CCDP Project | | Case Management | |

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| I | Integrated Data Base | The California State database created from the counties' data which is used to report cases for the tax intercepts', credit bureau reporting, license suspension, etc. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | |
| | Integrated Voice Response | | IVR | | Automated Voice Response System | | |
| | Intercept | A method of securing child support by taking a portion of non-wage payments made to a non-custodial parent. Non-wage payments subject to interception include Federal tax refunds, State tax refunds, unemployment benefits, lottery winnings, and disability benefits. | | OCSE glossary | | Case Management | Federal Tax Refund Offset Program |
| | Intercounty Responding Case | A case in which the noncustodial parent and the custodial party live in different counties within California and the county in which the noncustodial parent resides receives and responds to a child support action for the purpose of enforcement. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 116038 | | Enforcement | |
| | Interest | A rate of compensation for the use of forbearance of money, such as interest on a loan; a rate of compensation which must be paid by a judgment debtor. California allows the calculation of interest on unpaid child support order in dissolution of marriage case before the final decree is obtained. | | LCSA glossary | | Financial | |
| | Internal Customer | | | | Customer | | |
| | Internal Revenue Service | The federal agency which collects personal income tax. | IRS | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | |
| | Interstate Case | A case in which the dependent child(ren) and the custodial party or noncustodial parent live or have lived in different states and California is either the initiating or responding state, or the state which has issued the controlling order. | | Title 22, Division 13 | | Interstate | Initiating State, Responding State, Uniform Interstate Family Support Act. |
| | Interview | Each LCSA is required to conduct an interview with the custodial parent (or non-custodial parent if that parent is applying for IV-D services) within ten (10) business days of opening a case. The LCSA representative shall answer questions and provide information regarding the parent's rights and responsibilities, review forms completed by the parent, solicit information and re-interview if necessary. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 112140 | | Case Management | |
| | Intracounty Case | A case in which only one county is providing Title IV-D services. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 116042 | | Enforcement | |
| | Intrastate Case | A case in which the dependent child(ren) and the custodial party or noncustodial parent live in the same state and the initiating and responding jurisdictions are located in the same state but different counties. | | DCSS Legal | | Case Management | Duplicate Case |

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| **I** | Issuing State | The state which has issued a support order or rendered a judgment determining parentage. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 117052 | | Interstate | Interstate Cases; Uniform Interstate Family Support Act. |
| | Issuing Tribunal | The court, administrative agency, or quasi-judicial entity that issues a support order or renders a judgment determining parentage. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 117054 | | Interstate | |
| | IV-A | | | | Title IV-A | | |
| | IV-A Agency | | | | California Health and Human Services Agency | | |
| | IV-A Case | A child support case in which a custodial parent and child(ren) is receiving public assistance benefits under the State's IV-A program, which is funded under Title IV-A of the Social Security Act. Applicants for assistance from IV-A programs are automatically referred to their State IV-D agency in order to identify and locate the non-custodial parent, establish paternity and/or a child support order and/or obtain child support payments… | | OCSE glossary | | General | Temporary Assistance to Needy Families; Public Assistance |
| | IV-D | | | | Title IV-D | | |
| | IV-D Agency | | | | Child Support Enforcement Agency | | |
| | IV-D Case | A child support case where at least one of the parties, either custodial party (CP) or the non-custodial parent (NCP), has requested or received IV-D services from the State's IV-D agency. A IV-D case is composed of a custodial party, non-custodial parent or putative father, and dependent(s). | | OCSE glossary | | General | |
| | IV-D Case Number | | | | Case ID | | |
| | IV-E | | | | Title IV-E | | |
| | IV-E Agency | | | | California Health and Human Services Agency | | |
| | IV-E Case | A child support case in which the State is providing benefits or services under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act to a person, family, or institution that is raising a child or children that are not their own... | | OCSE glossary | | General | Foster Care |
| **J** | Job Search Order | | | | Work Search Order | | |

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| **J** | Joint Custody | | | | Custody | | |
| | Judgment | The final decision of the court resolving the dispute and determining the rights and obligations of the parties. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| | Judgment Creditor | The person to whom child support is owed. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | |
| | Judgment Debtor | The person against whom judgment has been obtained in a court action who has not fully satisfied the judgment. In a child support case, the defendant who is ordered to pay child support is a judgment debtor. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | |
| | Judgment Debtor Exam | | | | Order to Appear for Examination | | |
| | Judicial Council of California | The Judicial Council of California is the constitutionally mandated body responsible for improving the administration of justice in the state. The council is headed by the Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court and is made up of judges, court executives, attorneys, and legislators. It was established to standardize court administration, practice, and procedure by adopting and enforcing rules for the State Courts. | | DCSS Legal | | General | |
| | Judicial Order | | | | Court Order | | |
| | Judicial Remedies | A general designation for a court's enforcement of child support obligations. | | OCSE glossary | | Legal | |
| | Jurisdiction | The legal authority which a court or administrative agency has over particular persons and over certain types of cases, usually in a defined geographical area. | | OCSE glossary | | Legal | Initiating Jurisdiction; Long Arm Jurisdiction |
| | Juvenile | A person under the legal age of adulthood, usually 18 years but in some instances 21 years. | | www.courtinfo.ca.gov | | | Minor Child |
| | Juvenile Court | That part of the Superior court that has jurisdiction over delinquency, status offense, and dependency cases involving minor children. | | www.courtinfo.ca.gov | | General | |
| **K** | Keeper | | | | Till Tap | | |
| | KinGAP | | | | Kinship Guardian Assistance Program | | |

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| **K** | Kinship Guardian Assistance Program | The Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment Program under which public assistance is provided on behalf of children in long-term placements with relatives, as specified in Chapter 2 of Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code commencing with Section 11360. | | KinGAP Section 119048 (Proposed) | | Title 22, Division 13, General | |
| **L** | Laches | Unreasonable delay or negligence in enforcing a right of action or claim. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| | Legal Custody | | | | Custody | | |
| | Legal Description | A statement of the boundaries of real property by fixed landmarks, courses, distances, and quantity or by reference to maps, plots or surveys. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| | Legal Father | A man who is recognized by law as the male parent of a child. | | OCSE glossary | | Case Management | |
| | Levy | The seizure or taking possession of property pursuant to a writ by a sheriff or other authorized person for the satisfaction of a judgment. | | DCSS Legal | | Case Management | |
| | Lien | A claim upon property to prevent sale or transfer of that property until a debt is satisfied. | | OCSE glossary | | Enforcement | |
| | Lienholder | A person who holds a lien on another's property or funds. | | LCSA glossary | | Enforcement | Lien |
| | Liquidate | To pay and settle a debt. To gather the assets of a debtor, convert them into cash, and distribute them according to the legal rights of the parties. To ascertain the amount that a bankrupt person owes and to apportion the assets toward a discharge of the debts. | | DCSS Legal | | Enforcement | |
| | Litigation | A civil action or suit in which a controversy is brought before the court. | | OCSE glossary | | Legal | |
| | Local Child Support Agency | The county office or department that has entered into a cooperative agreement with the California Department of Child Support Services to secure child, spousal and medical support, and determine paternity. | LCSA | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110410 | | General | IV-D Agency |
| | Local Child Support Agency Representative | Agent or officer of the Local Child Support Agency. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | Local Child Support Agency |

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| **L** | Local Plan of Cooperation | A cooperative agreement between a local child support agency and another county agency that coordinates their respective roles and delineates responsibilities for establishing paternity, establishing, modifying, and enforcing child support, spousal support, and medical support, or otherwise carrying out the requirements of Title IV-D. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110411 | | General | |
| | Local Rules of Court | A set of procedural regulations adopted by courts which are mandatory upon parties and their lawyers on matters within the jurisdiction of those courts. Most states have statewide rules of court. Local rules of court encompass the time allowed to file papers, the format of documents, the number of copies to be filed, the procedure to file motions, fees for filing various documents and numerous other vital matters. | | DCSS Legal | | General | |
| | Locate | Information concerning the physical whereabouts of the custodial party, noncustodial parent, noncustodial parent's employers, or the noncustodial parent's sources of income or assets which is used for the purpose of establishing paternity and establishing, modifying, and/or enforcing a child support obligation. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110413 | | General | |
| | Locate Information | Data used to locate a Putative Father (PF) or non-custodial parent (NCP). May Include their Social Security Number (SSN), date of birth (DOB), residential address, and employer. | | OCSE glossary | | Case Management | |
| | Location | Information concerning the physical whereabouts of the custodial party, non-custodial parent, non-custodial parent's employers, or the non-custodial parent's sources of income or assets which is used for the purpose of establishing paternity and establishing, modifying and/or enforcing a child support obligation. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110413 | | General | |
| | Long Arm Jurisdiction | The legal authority for one state to assert personal jurisdiction over someone who lives or is served with process in another state. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 117064 | | Interstate | Two-State Action; Uniform Interstate Family Support Act |
| | Long Arm Statute | Statutes which permit one state to claim personal jurisdiction over someone who lives in another state. | | DCSS Legal | | Interstate | Long Arm Jurisdiction; Uniform Interstate Family Support Act |
| | Lost Warrant Affidavit | A statement under penalty of perjury by a payee, that the payee has not received a warrant by the County Auditor-Controller for child support, TANF, CalWORKS, KinGAP or disregard. Also called Lost/Destroyed Warrant certificate. | | DCSS Legal | | Financial | |

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| **L** | Lottery Intercept | A program in which delinquent child support payments which have been reported to the Franchise Tax Board as part of the Franchise Tax Board intercept program are deducted from state lottery winnings and sent to DCSS. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | California Franchise Tax Board; Intercept |
| | Low Income Adjustment | | | | Hardship | | |
| **M** | Majority | The legal age status at which full personal and civil rights may be exercised. | | Webster's II New College Dictionary | | General | Emancipation, Minor; Child |
| | Manual of Policy and Procedures | Regulations governing the functions of the county welfare department with respect to the child support program. A plan of cooperation that was developed and executed with each county which delegates certain functions of the program to local child support offices. | MPP | MPP Div. 12 | | General | |
| | Marital Settlement Agreement | A written contract between spouses that contains details about how the issues in their case will be handled, including division of property and debts, support, or child custody. It is often incorporated into a stipulated judgment of dissolution, legal separation, or annulment. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | Dissolution |
| | Marriage | Marriage is a personal relation arising out of a civil contract between two people, to which the consent of the parties capable of making that contract is necessary, followed by the issuance of a license. | | DCSS Legal | | General | Presumption of Paternity |
| | Maximum Family Grant | Starting August 1, 1997, if the custodial parent has been on public assistance for ten consecutive months, and has another child, the maximum aid payment will not increase. | MFG | DCSS Legal | | Case Management | Maximum Family Grant Child |
| | Maximum Family Grant Child | A child, or children in the case of a multiple birth, that is born into a family that has received public assistance under the CalWORKs program continuously for ten months prior to the birth of the child or children. The child or children in the case is not included in the family for the purpose of determining the maximum CalWORKs public assistance payment. | | MFG Child Section 119052 (Proposed) | | Title 22, Division 13, Case Management | Maximum Family Grant |
| | Medical Assistance Only | Form of public assistance administered by a State's IV-A program, which provides benefits to recipients only in the form of medical, rather than financial, assistance. | MAO | OCSE glossary | | Case Management | |
| | Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System | Computer program that allows access to authorized users of information on individuals receiving TANF/Medi-Cal in California. | MEDS | DCSS Legal | | Case Management | |
| | Medical Insurance | | | | Health Insurance Coverage | | |

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| **M** | Medi-Cal Program | California's medical assistance program provided under the State Plan approved under Title XIX of the Social Security Act. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110428 | | General | |
| | Medical Support | Any liability or payment for the purposes of medical care under a court or administrative order, including but not limited to health insurance coverage, specific dollar amounts for medical purposes, and payments for medical care from any third party. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110431 (Proposed) | | General | |
| | Medical Support Judgment | A judgment for medical support. | | DCSS Legal | | General | Medical Support, Health Insurance Coverage |
| | Medically Needy Only Recipient | An individual who is receiving only benefits under the Medi-Cal program. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110430 | | General | Medi-cal Program |
| | Military Allotment | The amount which is automatically deducted from the pay of military personnel for a designated purpose. This may include an allotment which will be sent to dependents. Allotments can be voluntary or involuntary. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | Allotment |
| | Minimum Basic Standards of Adequate Care | The minimum amount necessary to provide an aided family with basic needs. | MBSAC | DCSS Legal | | General | |
| | Minor Child | A person under the age of 18 years, that has not been legally emancipated. | | DCSS Legal | | General | Juvenile, Emancipation |
| | Minor Parent | A person under the age of 18, who has not been legally emancipated but is the mother/father of a minor child. May also be referred to as Minor Mother, Minor Father or Minor Non-Custodial Parent. | | DCSS Legal | | General | Emancipation, Juvenile |
| | Minute Order | The courtroom clerk's written minutes of court proceedings. Copies of the minute orders are usually kept in the court's case files and the court clerk's office. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| | Mixed Aid Status Case | A Title IV-D case in which one or more of the children in the case has a different public assistance or non-public assistance status, either currently or in the past. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119054 (Proposed) | | Case Management | Aid; Public Assistance; Temporary Assistance to Needy Families |
| | Modification | A court ordered change or alteration of a child support order. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110436 | | General | Review and Adjustment |
| | Monthly Support Obligation | The amount of money an obligor is required to pay each month for support. | | MSO | | OCSE glossary | Case Management |

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| **M** | Motion | An application to the court requesting an order or rule in favor of the party that is filing the motion. Motions are generally made in reference to a pending action and may address a matter in the court's discretion or concern a point of law. | | OCSE glossary | | Legal | |
| | Motion for Judgment | A request for the court to set a matter for hearing and take specific action to enter a judgment. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| | Multistate Employer | An organization that hires and employs people in two or more States. The multistate employer conducts business within each State and the employees are required to pay taxes in the State where they work. As with single-state employers, multistate employers are required by law to report all new hires to the State Directory of New Hires (SDNH) operated by their State government. However, unlike single-state employers, they have the option to report all of their new hires to the SDNH of only one State in which they do business rather than to all of them. | | OCSE glossary | | Case Management | |
| | Multistate Financial Institution Data Match | Process created by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996 by which delinquent child support obligors are matched with accounts held in Financial Institutions ( FI) doing business in more than one State. | MSFIDM | | | Case Management | OCSE glossary Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 |
| **N** | National Automated Clearing House Association | The association that establishes the standards, rules, and procedures that enable financial institutions to exchange payments on a national basis. | NACHA | OCSE glossary | | Financial | |
| | National Directory of New Hires New Hire Data; Unemployment | A national database containing New Hire and Quarterly Wage data from every State and Federal agency and Unemployment Insurance data from State Employment Security Agencies. Data contained is first reported to each state's State Directory of New Hires and then transmitted to the National Directory of New Hires. The Office of Child Support Enforcement maintains the National Directory of New Hires as part of the expanded Federal Parent Locator Service. | | NDNH Section 110445 | | Title 22, Division 13, General | Quarterly Wage Data; Insurance Claim Data |
| | National Medical Support Notice | Means the notice "National Medical Support Notice", Part A, "Notice to Withhold for Health Care Coverage", OMB 0970-0222, and Part B, "Medical Support Notice to Plan Administrator," OMB 1210-0113, directed to the obligor's employer pursuant to a medical support order requiring the obligor to provide health insurance coverage for the obligor's minor child(ren). | NMSN | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110449 | | General | |

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| **N** | National Personnel Records Center | Part of the National Archives and Records Administration's system of record storage facilities. The NPRC receives and stores both Federal Military and Civilian personnel records. | NPRC | OCSE glossary | | Case Management | |
| | Natural Father | | | | Biological Father | | |
| | Never Assigned Arrearages | Arrearages that have never been assigned to the State in never assistance cases. Never assigned arrearages also means the arrearages in former assistance cases that accrued after a family's most recent period of public assistance ends. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119057 (Proposed) | | Financial | |
| | Never Assistance Case | A case in which an obligee and child is not currently and has never in the past received public assistance and is currently receiving Title IV-D services from the local child support agency. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119059 (Proposed) | | Financial | |
| | New Employee Registry of | A database maintained by the California Employment Development Department (EDD), which contains information regarding newly hired employees within the State. | NER | OCSE glossary | | General | National Directory New Hires, State Directory of New Hires |
| | New Hire Data State Directory of | Data on a new employee that employers must submit within 20 days of hire to the State Directory of New Hires (SDNH) in the State in which they do business. Minimum information must include the employee's name, address, and Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN). Some States may require or request additional data. Multistate employers have the option of reporting all of their newly hired employees to only one State in which they do business. This data is then submitted to the National Directory of New Hires (NDNH), where it is compared against child support order information contained in the Federal Case Registry (FCR) for possible enforcement of child support obligations by wage garnishment. New hire data may also be used at the State level to find new hires that have been receiving unemployment insurance or other public benefits for which they may no longer be eligible, helping States to reduce waste and fraud. Federal Agencies report this data directly to the NDNH. Also known as "W4 data", after the form used to report the employees. | | NH | | OCSE glossary | Case Management New Hires; National Directory of New Hires |
| | New Hire Reporting Program | Requires all employers report newly hired employees to the State Directory of New Hires (SDNH) in their State for submission to the National Directory of New Hires (NDNH). | | DCSS Legal | | Case Management | State Directory of New Hires; National Directory of New Hires |

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| **N** | Non-Compliance | For the purposes of paying incentives and passing on federal sanctions, non-compliance means a county fails to achieve compliance with each program performance standard in 75 percent of the cases reviewed. | | LCSA glossary | | General | Compliance, Performance Measures |
| | Non-Cooperation | Failure of a CalWORKS or Medically Needy Only (MNO) recipient to cooperate with the Local Child Support Agency in identifying and locating the non-custodial parent, establishing paternity and/or child support, and/or enforcing child support payments. | | DCSS Legal | | Case Management | Cooperation, Good Cause |
| | Noncustodial Parent Obligor | The parent of the child(ren) that may be or is obligated to pay child support. | | NCP<br>Section 110456 | | Title 22, Division 13, | General |
| | Non-Disclosure Order | A finding by the court that the health, safety, or liberty of a party or child would be unreasonably put at risk by disclosure of identifying information (e.g., residential address) and an order by the court that the address or other identifying information of the party or child not be disclosed in a pleading or other court document. | | FC 4926 | | General | Disclosure Prohibited Notice, Family Violence Indicator |
| | Non-Federal Foster Care | Foster Care public assistance program funded with state and county funds. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110299 (Proposed) | | General | Foster Care |
| | Non-IV-A Case | A support case in which the custodial party has requested IV-D services but is not receiving CalWORKS. | | DCSS Legal | | Case Management | Non-Welfare Case, Private Case, CalWORKS |
| | Non-IV-D Orders | A support order in which the custodial party is not receiving or has not received TANF/CalWORKS and is not receiving or has not received Title IV-D services from a child support enforcement agency. A non-IV-D order can be converted into a IV-D case when the appropriate application for IV-D services is make or when the custodial party begins receiving Title IV-A services for benefit of the child(ren) or the child(ren) is placed in foster care and Title IV-E payments are made on behalf of the child(ren). | | DCSS Legal | | General | |
| | Non-Needy Payee | The payee of a public assistance case where the child resides with a relative or unrelated adult who is not able to sustain the additional financial burden of the child without public assistance yet does not require public assistance for him or herself. | | DCSS Legal | | General | Caretaker |
| | Non-Welfare Case | A case in which the custodial party is not currently receiving public assistance and does not have an application for public assistance pending. | | DCSS Legal | | General | Private Case, Non IV-A Case |

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| **N** | | | | | | |
| Notice and Acknowledgement of Receipt | A form adopted by the Judicial Council for mandatory use by the LCSA when attempting to complete service of process through the mail. | | NAR | | DCSS Legal | Legal Proof of Service |
| Notice and Request for Allowance of Lien | A form used in a Worker's Compensation Appeals Board case to provide a formal notice of a lien against an obligor's potential Permanent Disability award from the Board. | | DCSS Legal | | Case Management | |
| Notice of Complaint Resolution | A notice that is issued through form LCR006 by the Local Child Support Agency, to the complainant, that explains the agency's actions taken or that will be taken to resolve the complaint. | | DCSS Complaint Resolution Process | | Customer Service | Complaint Resolution Process |
| Notice of Complaint Resolution Extension | A notice that is issued through form LCR005 by the Local Child Support Agency, to the complainant, that explains the agency's need to extend the complaint resolution period to resolve the complaint. | | DCSS Complaint Resolution Process | | Customer Service | Complaint Resolution Process |
| Notice of Entry of Judgment | A form adopted by the Judicial Council for mandatory use by the LCSA to provide notice to the parties that a judgment has been entered in the court's judgment book. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| Notice of Insufficient Funds | A notice that the bank sends the Local Child Support Agency indicating that there are not sufficient funds in the account to cover the draft. Also known as Notice of Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF). | | NIF or NSF | | CCDP Project | General |
| Notice of Involuntary Lien | A notice to the obligor that a lien has been filed against his or her name. If the obligor owns real property, the lien will automatically attach to the property. | | LCSA glossary | | General | |
| Notice of Motion | A formal written notice by one of the parties to an action, that a motion requesting specified relief will be made before the court at the time and place stated in the notice. | | NOM | | DCSS Legal | Legal |
| Notice of Motion for Judicial Review of License Denial | A request to the court for a review of the Local Child Support Legal Agency's reason for denying the release of an obligor's license. | | DCSS Legal | | | |
| Notice of Non-Cooperation | Notice by an LCSA to the local welfare department that a CalWORKS or Medically Needy Only applicant/recipient has failed to cooperate with the Local Child Support Agency in identifying and or locating the noncustodial parent, establishing paternity, and/or child support and/or enforcing child support. | Non-Coop | DCSS Legal | | Case Management | |

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| **N** | Notice Regarding Payment of Support | A form adopted by the Judicial Council for mandatory use by the LCSA filed with the court, directing that support payments shall be made to the local child support agency. Also serves to notify that support has been assigned or there has been a substitution of payee. | | FC 4506.3, 4506.1, 4506.2 | | Case Management | |
| | Notice to Appear and Produce | A notice served on a party in a civil proceeding, which orders him/her to appear in court and bring specific documents or records to court. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| | Notice to Withhold Income for Child Support | | | | Order/Notice to Withhold Income for Child Support | | |
| | Nunc Pro Tunc | Latin meaning "now for then". A judgment or order entered to amend and take effect as of an earlier judgment or order. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| **O** | Obligated | Required to pay an obligation determined due by a court or administrative order. | | DCSS Legal | | General | Obligor, Obligation |
| | Obligation | Amount of money to be paid by an obligor as ordered by a court or administrative agency; financial support such as, child support, family support, spousal support, or medical support. An obligation is a recurring, ongoing obligation, not a onetime debt such as an assessment. | | DCSS Legal | | General | Obligated, Obligor |
| | Obligee | An individual, agency, or entity to whom a duty of support is owed. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110473 | | General | Custodial Party |
| | Obligor | An individual, or the estate of a decedent, who owes a duty of support. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110474 | | General | Noncustodial Parent |
| | Off Calendar | When a case is removed from the Courts schedule or calendar. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| | Office of Child Support Enforcement | The Federal agency responsible for the administration of the child support program nationally. Created by Title IV-D of the Social Security Act in 1975, OCSE is responsible for the development of child support policy; oversight; evaluation, and audits of State child support enforcement programs; and provides technical assistance and training to the State programs. OCSE operates the Federal Parent Locator Service, which includes the National Directory of New Hires (NDNH) and the Federal Case Registry (FCR). OCSE is part of the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), which is within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). | | | | OCSE | OCSE glossary General |
| | Office of Personnel Management | The Federal Government's "Human Resources Agency." | OPM | OCSE glossary | | General | |

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| **O** | Office of Vital Records | The office within the California Department of Health Services is charged with the responsibility of maintaining a uniform system for registration and a permanent central registry with a comprehensive and continuous index for all birth, death, fetal death, marriage and dissolution certificates registered for vital events which occur in California. | | OVR | | www.dhs.ca.gov | General |
| | Offset | Amount of money intercepted from a parent's State or Federal income tax refund, or from an administrative payment such as Federal retirement benefits, in order to satisfy a child support debt. | | OCSE glossary | | Financial | |
| | Ombudsman | | | | Ombudsperson | | |
| | Ombudsperson | The person designated within each Local Child Support Agency to be the lead administrator of the Ombudsperson Program. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110478 | | Customer Service | Ombudsperson Program |
| | Ombudsperson Program Resolution | The person, persons, or office so designated within each Local Child Support Agency to provide a means to resolve customer issues related to child support services. Issues may include inquiries, questions or requests for assistance or facilitation in navigating the local complaint resolution and state hearing processes. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110479 | | Customer Service | Complaint Process |
| | Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 | Legislation that mandated that insurance providers and employers offer dependent health coverage to children even if the child is not in the custody of the employee in the plan. OBRA '93 created Qualified Medical Child Support Orders (QMCSOs). | | | | OBRA '93 | OCSE glossary |
| | Qualified Medical Case Management | | | | | | Child Support Order |
| | Open Case | An active case, in the process of either establishing paternity, or establishing or enforcing an order for support. | | DCSS Legal | | Case Management | |
| | Order | A decision or judgment of a magistrate, judge, or properly empowered administrative officer. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | Court Order; Support Order |
| | Order After Hearing | A judicial Council form used to formalize a court order for a hearing subsequent to the original judgment. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| | Order Shortening Time | An order by a judge allowing a motion to be served on the other party with less notice than is required by law, processed by an ex parte application showing good cause to the judge for an order shortening time. | | CCP 1005 | | Legal | |
| | Order To Appear For Examination | An order by a court that the judgment debtor or a third party appear in court on a specified date and time to answer questions about his or her assets and income. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | Judgment Debtor |

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| **O** | Order to Show Cause | An order by a court that a party appear in court on a certain date and give reasons, legal and/or factual, (show cause) why a particular order should not be made. | OSC | www.law.com | | Legal | Show Cause |
| | Order to Show Cause and Affidavit for Contempt | An order by a court that a party appear and give reasons (show cause) why the court should not hold him/her in contempt for failure to abide by a court order. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | Order to Show Cause, Show Cause, Contempt |
| | Order/Notice to Withhold Income for Case Management Child Support Income | Direct Income withholding for child support. | The form to be used by all States to request income | | | ONTW | DCSS Legal Withholding, Withholding Order, Income Withholding |
| | Other Group Health Insurance | Private group health insurance coverage provided through an organization other than through an employment-related group health insurance. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110485 | | General | Health Insurance Coverage, Employment-Related Group Health Insurance |
| | Other Parent | An individual among the case participants who is somehow involved in the case, but is neither the Custodial Party or the Non-custodial Parent, e.g. the NCP is the mother and the CP is the child's aunt, the "Other Parent" is the father of the child. | OP | DCSS Legal | | General | |
| **P** | Parent Locator Service | | | | Federal Parent Locator Service or California Parent Locator Service | | |
| | Parentage | The mother and father of a child. | | DCSS Legal | | General | Paternity |
| | Partial Satisfaction of Judgment | | | | Satisfaction of Judgment | | |
| | Participant | | | | Case Participant | | |
| | Pass-on Payment | The amount by which the current support payment exceeds the current federal Foster Care assistance payment for the month which is forwarded to the county welfare department on behalf of the child. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119063 (Proposed) | | Financial | |

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| **P** | Passport Denial Program | Created by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996 and operated under the auspices of the Federal Tax Refund Offset Program, obligors with an arrearage balance exceeding the amount specified in federal law are submitted to the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) for Tax Refund Offset and forwarded to the U.S. Department of State, which "flags" the obligor's name and refuses to issue a passport in the event he/she applies for one. | | DCSS Legal | | Case Management | Federal Tax Refund Offset Program |
| | Past Due Support | | | | Arrearage | | |
| | Paternity | A legal determination of fatherhood. | | DCSS Legal | | General | Performance Measures, Genetic Testing, Biological Father |
| | Paternity Affidavit | | | | Affidavit in Support of Establishing Paternity | | |
| | Paternity At Issue | The legal determination of fatherhood has not yet been established. | | LCSA glossary | | | |
| | Paternity Declaration | | | | Declaration of Paternity | | |
| | Paternity Judgment | A judgment by a court, usually in writing, determining the legal father of a minor child. | | DCSS Legal | | Case Management | |
| | Paternity Not At Issue | The legal determination of fatherhood has been established. | | LCSA glossary | | General | |
| | Paternity Opportunity Program | A voluntary paternity acknowledgment program, implemented January 1995, which establishes paternity for unmarried fathers. | | POP | | DCSS Legal | General |
| | Paternity Questionnaire | | | | Confidential Paternity Questionnaire | | |
| | Payee | Person or organization in whose name child support money is paid. | | OCSE glossary | | General | Custodial Party, Obligee |
| | Payer | Person who makes a payment. | | DCSS Legal | | General | Non-custodial Parent, Obligor |
| | Payment History | | | | Payment Record | | |

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| **P** | Payment Hold | Collections that are held by the Local Child Support Agency for distribution and disbursement at a later date for various reasons, such as, but not limited to: custodial party's location is unknown, payments cannot be identified, payments are being held for distribution in a subsequent month. | | DCSS Legal | | Financial | Futures, Suspense |
| | Payment Record | A record of financial transactions including payments and obligations associated with a child support case. | | DCSS Legal | | Financial | Account |
| | Payment Source | The person, enforcement method or entity, from which a support payment is received. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119065 (Proposed) | | Financial | |
| | Payments | | | | Collection | | |
| | PC 270 | A criminal proceeding resulting from obligor's willful failure to provide for the needs of his/her minor child(ren). | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| | Performance Measures | Federal: Criteria established by the Office of Child Support Enforcement to measure State performance levels in five program areas: Paternity Establishment; Support Order Establishment; Current Collections; Arrearage Collections; and Cost Effectiveness.<br>State: Criteria established in the child support reform legislation of 1999 to assess program performance in a total of eleven different performance standards. | | DCSS Legal | | General | |
| | Performance Review | | | | Compliance Review | | |
| | Perjury | Testifying falsely, under oath, to a material fact in court or at an administrative hearing/proceeding or at a deposition, and/or knowingly signing a document which contains false material facts and the document is signed "under penalty of perjury". | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| | Permanent Disability Benefits | Worker's Compensation payments to compensate an injured worker for the effects of any work related injury which causes a permanent loss of earning power or permanent impairment. The amount of payment is based on a "rating" which apportions the exact amount of disability or impairment. | | PD | | DCSS Legal | General |
| | Permanently Assigned Arrearages | Unpaid support that is assigned to the State as of September 30, 1998, and unpaid support that accrues on or after October 1, 1998, or while a family or child is receiving public assistance. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119067 (Proposed) | | Financial | |

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| **P** | Personal Jurisdiction | The legal authority of a tribunal to render judgment against a party to an action or a proceeding and subject a person to the decisions, rulings, and orders of the tribunal. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 117074 | | Interstate | |
| | Personal Property | Generally, possessions or interests which are not real property or a right or interest in an estate in real property which is less than a freehold, but which are easily transported or stored, e.g. cars, boats, furniture, tools, bank accounts, etc. Personal property may also include a claim in a lawsuit, a bankruptcy action, an insurance claim, a retirement fund, or an estate in probate. | | DCSS Legal | | General | Real Property |
| | Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 | Legislation that provides a number of requirements for employers, public licensing agencies, financial institutions, as well as State and Federal child support agencies, to assist in the location of non-custodial parents and the establishment, enforcement, and collection of child support. This legislation created the New Hire Reporting program, the State and Federal Case Registries, and the State Disbursement Unit. Otherwise known as Welfare Reform. | PRWORA | DCSS Legal | | General | |
| | Personal Service of Process | Service of court papers by handing a copy to the person to be served or to someone authorized to receive it on the person's behalf. | | DCSS Legal | | General | Process Server, Service of Process |
| | Petition | A formal written request presented to the court requesting specific judicial action. | | www.courtinfo.ca.gov | | Legal | Complaint |
| | Petitioner | One who signs and/or files a petition. | | Legal Dictionary | | Legal | Petition |
| | Placement Care | Either the voluntary placement by an applicant who had custody of his/her child and placed the child in out-of-home care or the placement of a child in out-of-home care as a result of a child being declared a dependent child of the court under Welfare and Institutions Code Section 300. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119069 | | Case Management | Dependency Hearing, Foster |
| | Plaintiff | A person who brings an action; the party who complains or sues in a civil case. | | OCSE glossary | | Legal | |
| | Plan Administrator | Any person who collects any charge or premium from, or who adjusts or settles claims on, residents of California in connection with health insurance coverage. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 116061 | | Enforcement | |
| | Plan of Cooperation | The contractual agreement between the Department and each county's Local Child Support Agency for administering the Child Support Enforcement Program. | | MPP Section 12-101 | | General | |

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| **P** | Plea | In criminal law, the response by an accused defendant to each charge of the commission of a crime. Pleas normally are "not guilty," "guilty," "no contest" (admitting the facts, but unwilling to plead "guilty," thus resulting in the equivalent of a "guilty" verdict but without admitting the crime). "No Contest" is sometimes referred to as "Nolo Contendere". | | www.law.com | | Legal | |
| | Pleadings | Statements or allegations, presented in logical and legal form, which constitute a plaintiff's cause of action or a defendant's grounds of defense. | | OCSE glossary | | Legal | |
| | Policies, Procedures and Practices | The Policies, Procedures, and Practices (P3) Project was initiated by the Director to make recommendations on implementing the mandated performance measures. | | DCSS Public Web site | | General | |
| | Policy Interpretation Question | An official reply by the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) to an inquiry submitted by a State child support agency concerning application of policy. Although questions often arise from a specific practice or situation, the responses are official statements of OCSE policy on the issue. | PIQ | OCSE glossary | | General | |
| | POP Dec | | | | Declaration of Paternity | | |
| | Preliminary Title Report | When a buyer, seller or lending agency requests that a title insurance company conduct a title search, the first report they get is call the "Preliminary Title Report". It is a report that includes a list of all of the liens affecting the property. A child support judgment recorded in the County Recorder's Office will appear on the preliminary report. | | LCSA glossary | | General | |
| | Prepayment | | | | Futures | | |
| | Presumed Father | | | | Putative Father | | |
| | Presumed Income | Presumed income is used to calculate child support for those absent parents for whom we are unable to locate any income information. Presumed income is based on California's minimum wage. | | DCSS Legal | | Case Management | Minimum Basic Standards of Adequate Care |

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| **P** | Presumption | A rule of law that assumes or takes for granted the existence of a fact. There are two types of presumptions: conclusive and rebuttable.<br>A conclusive presumption is a rule of substantive law to be applied by the court in it's evaluation of the issues, the same as any other fixed rule of law. (i.e. - A conclusive presumption of paternity holds that a man is the father of a child, if he is not impotent or sterile, and if he was married to and cohabitating with the mother of the child at the time of conception.)<br>A rebuttable presumption is an assumption of facts made based on common experience but which may not exist at all and may be overcome by opposing evidence. (I.e. - A rebuttable presumption of paternity assumes a man to be the father of a child in certain circumstances, unless the man proves he is not the father.) | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | Paternity |
| | Private Case | Known as a non IV-D case, it is a support case where the custodial parent to whom child support is owed is not receiving IV-A benefits or IV-D services. | | OCSE glossary | | General | Non IV-A Case, Non-Welfare Case |
| | Proactive Matching | Process in which child support case data newly submitted to the Federal Case Registry (FCR) is automatically compared with previous submissions, as well as with the employment data in the National Directory of New Hires (NDNH). | | OCSE glossary | | Case Management | |
| | Probate | The judicial process to determine if a document of a dead person (called the "decedent") is a will or not and giving notice of it's contents; lawful distribution of a decedent's estate. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| | Probation | A kind of punishment given out as part of a sentence which means that instead of jailing a person convicted of a crime, a judge will order that any time of incarceration be suspended on condition the defendant meets certain standards of conduct or obligation. Should the defendant violate the terms and conditions of probation, the court may revoke probation and impose the sentence. | | DCSS Legal | | General | |
| | Proceeding | The conduct of business before a judge or administrative hearing officer. | | OCSE glossary | | Legal | |
| | Process Server | A person who delivers (serves) legal papers to a party to a lawsuit. | | www.law.com, www.courtinfo.ca.gov | | | Service of Process |

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| **P** | Program Improvement Plan | Written plan for improvement submitted to the state, by an LCSA, as a result of a non-compliance finding in a particular area. | | LCSA glossary | | General | Non-Compliance |
| | Project Save Our Children | A Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement initiative to enhance the ability of State and local IV-D agencies to submit eligible cases for Federal criminal prosecution under the authority of the Child Support Recovery Act of 1992 and the Deadbeat Parent's Punishment Act of 1998. | PSOC | CSS Letter #01-13 | | General | |
| | Proof of Service | The form filed with the court that states the manner, place, date, and time of service of the specified documents on a party in a court action. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | Notice of Acknowledgement and Receipt, |
| Service | | | | | | | of Process |
| | Property Tax Exemption File | A list which can be obtained from the California Board of Equalization on all absent parents who have filed homeowners exemptions. | PTEF | DCSS Legal | | Case Management | |
| | Proposed Decision | The State hearing decision submitted by an Administrative Law Judge to the Director or Director's designee for adoption. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 120004 | | Customer Service | |
| | Proposed Judgment | Along with a summons & complaint, the Local Child Support Agency files a proposed Judgment Regarding Parental Obligations with the court. The proposed judgment reflects the terms of the child support order and becomes an order of the court if the obligor does not respond, after being served. | | DCSS Legal | | | Default, Summons and Complaint |
| | Prorate | To divide, distribute, or assess proportionately. | | www.merriam-webster.com | | | |
| | Public Assistance | Any amount paid under the TANF, CalWORKS program, as specified in Section 110098, or foster care, or any Medi-Cal benefit, for the benefit of any dependent child or the caretaker or child. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110539 (Proposed) | | General | Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, CalWORKs, Foster Care, Medi-Cal |
| | Public Defender | A public official (usually of a county), who is an attorney regularly assigned by the courts to defend people accused of crimes who cannot afford a private attorney. | | Legal Dictionary | | General | |
| | Publication | | | | Service by Publication | | |
| | Putative Father Legal Father, | The person alleged to be the father of an illegitimate child but who has not yet been legally declared to be the father. | | PF | | DCSS Legal | Case Management Paternity, Genetic Testing |

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| **Q** | Qualified Domestic Relations Order | A domestic relations order issued by the court, that awards the non-employee spouse a specific share of the pension benefits of the employee spouse. | QDRO | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| | Qualified Medical Child Support Order | An order issued by a court or administrative agency of competent jurisdiction that provides for health benefit coverage to a child. | QMCSO | DCSS Legal | | Case Management | |
| | Quality Assurance Performance Improvement | Quality Assurance is the evaluation of overall program performance on a regular basis to demonstrate that the program satisfies the relevant standards. The outcome of quality assurance is Performance Improvement. | QAPI | LCSA Letter 02-30 | | General | |
| | Quarterly Wage Data | Data on all employees that must be submitted by employers on a quarterly basis to the State Employment Security Agency (SESA) in the State in which they operate. This data is then submitted to the National Directory of New Hires (NDNH). Minimum information must include the employee's name, address, Social Security Number (SSN), wage amount, and the reporting period as well as the employer's name, address, and Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN). The data is then compared against child support order information contained in the Federal Case Registry (FCR) for possible enforcement of child support obligations by wage garnishment. Federal Agencies report this data directly to the NDNH. | | OCSE glossary | | Case Management | State Employment Security Agency; National Directory of New Hires |
| | Quash | To cancel by judicial order. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110547 | | Legal | |
| | Quasi-Criminal | A civil court procedure similar to a criminal action because it can result in consequences such as jail time or a fine (e.g. contempt). | | LCSA glossary | | Legal | Contempt |
| | Quasi-Judicial | A framework or procedure under the auspices of a State's judicial branch in which court officers other than judges act in a judicial capacity. In California, commissioners establish, enforce and modify support orders, usually subject to judicial review. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| | Quick Locate | A request for locate services from one state's parent locator service to another state's parent locator service with the responding state providing those services without opening a Title IV-D case. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110550 | | Case Management | |
| **R** | Rap Sheet | A summary of a person's criminal history. | | www.courtinfo.ca.gov | | General | |
| | Real Property | Real estate or property, such as land and buildings that are permanent, fixed, and immovable. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 116062 | | Enforcement | Personal Property |

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| **R** | Real Property Lien | A charge against real property, as defined in Section 116062, to secure payment of a support obligation at the time of sale or transfer of real property. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 116063 | | Enforcement | |
| | Reasonable Cost | | | | Health Insurance Coverage at a Reasonable Cost | | |
| | Rebuttable Presumption of Paternity | | | | Presumption | | |
| | Receipt | A record acknowledging the receipt of a payment. | | LCSA glossary | | General | |
| | Recipient | A person or organization that receives support funds and/or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) payments. | | OCSE glossary | | General | Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF); IV-A, IV-A Case; Public Assistance |
| | Recipient of Services | The custodial party or non-custodial parent who has applied for, or is receiving, Title IV-D services, or has been referred to the Title IV-D agency. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110554 | | General | |
| | Reciprocity | A relationship in which one State grants certain privileges to other States on the condition that they receive the same privileges. | | OCSE glossary | | Interstate | |
| | Reconciliation | The voluntary resumption of cohabitation and marital relations. | | LCSA glossary | | General | |
| | Record | 1) A precise written history of a court action from commencement to termination designed to remain as permanent evidence of the matters to which it relates. 2) To officially enter in a book or record for the purpose of giving notice. 3) To "record" a document is to file it with the County Recorder's Office. | | LCSA glossary | | Legal | Case Record |
| | Recoupment | The amount of support that was collected and applied to reimburse, in whole or in part, the unreimbursed assistance pool for public assistance paid to the family. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119072 (Proposed) | | Financial | Reimbursement |
| | Referral | Request sent to a IV-D agency from a non IV-D agent or agency asking that a child support case be established. | | OCSE glossary | | Case Management | |
| | Refund | To return money to an obligor. | | DCSS Legal | | Financial | |

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| **R** | Region IX (Western Region) | One of ten regional offices of the Administration for Children and Families nationwide, responsible for overseeing the operation of the child support enforcement program. The Region IX office is located in San Francisco, California and oversees administration of these programs by States, Tribes, Territories and local agencies located within the following States and Pacific Islands: Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Marshall Islands, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Republic of Palau. | | www.acf.hhs.gov | | General | |
| | Register | A legal process by which a support order or judgment is filed with a tribunal in a state to give that tribunal authority to modify and/or enforce a support order. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 117080 | | Interstate | |
| | Regular Payments | All support payments received, regardless of payment source, except support collections received through a Financial Management Service tax intercept. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119074 (Proposed) | | Financial | |
| | Regulations | Rules and administrative codes issued by governmental agencies at all levels: municipal, county, state and federal. Although they are not laws, regulations have the force of law, since they are adopted under authority granted by statutes, and often include penalties for violations. | | www.law.com | | Legal | |
| | Reimbursement | 1) Repayment by the obligor of monies expended by the County in public assistance to the custodial party. 2) Repayment from the Federal government and the State government for the costs of certain activities related to the TANF program undertaken by the DCSS operating under Plans of Cooperation. Activities include paternity determination, location of absent parents, enforcement, and staff training. | | LCSA glossary | | Financial | Recoupment of Aid Paid |
| | Re-issue | To issue again. | | DCSS Legal | | Case Management | |
| | Relative Caregiver | An adult who is related to the child by blood, adoption, or affinity within the fifth degree of kinship, including stepparents, stepsiblings, and all relatives whose status is preceded by the words "great," "great-great," or "grand" or the spouse of any of those persons even if the marriage was terminated by death or dissolution and who assumed primary responsibility for the child while the child was in the relative's care and control, and who is not a biological or adoptive parent. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119076 | | Case Management | |

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| **R** | Release of Lien | Giving up a recorded judgment lien on real or personal property. | | DCSS Legal | | Enforcement | Abstract of Support Judgment, Demand Letter, Satisfaction of Judgment |
| | Relinquishment of Parental Rights | The giving up or surrendering by a parent of the right of controlling the child and receiving the child's earnings. Abandonment by the parent is presumptive evidence of that relinquishment. | | FC 7504 | | Legal | Termination of Parental Rights |
| | Remand | 1) The act of an appellate court sending a case back to a lower court for further proceedings or entry of a judgment. 2) To return a prisoner to custody. | | www.courtinfo.ca.gov | | Legal | |
| | Reopen | To reactivate a previously closed IV-D case. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | |
| | Repayment Sharing Ratios | The rate used in determining the share of child support collected and retained as reimbursement for CalWORKs, KinGAP and Foster Care payments that are paid to the Department. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119078 (Proposed) | | Financial | |
| | Request for Complaint Resolution | Form LCR001 that may be submitted by a complainant to request complaint resolution from the Local Child Support Agency (LCSA). Also the form to be used by the LCSA to document a verbal request for complaint resolution by the complainant. | | DCSS Complaint Resolution Process | | Customer Service | Complaint Resolution Process |
| | Request for Complaint Resolution Acknowledgement | Form LCR002 - Completed by the local child support agency to formally acknowledge receipt of a Request for Complaint Resolution and provide information regarding the complaint resolution process to the complainant. | | DCSS Complaint Resolution Process | | Customer Service | Complaint Resolution Process |
| | Request for State Hearing | Form SH001 - That may be used by a complainant to request a hearing by an administrative law judge from the State Hearing Office, if the complainant has received a Notice of Complaint Resolution or Notice of Complaint Transfer and is not satisfied with the action taken, or the LCSA has failed to take action on the complaint within the mandatory time frame to respond. | | DCSS Complaint Resolution Process | | Customer Service | Complaint Resolution Process, State Hearing |
| | Request to Enter Default | A judicial council form filed with the Court advising that more than 30 days have passed since the summons and complaint were served on the defendant, he or she has not filed an answer or other responsive pleading, he or she is not in the military and requesting that the Court permit entry of the defendant's default and judgment. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | Default, Default Judgment |

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| **R** | Rescind | To abrogate or cancel a contract putting the parties in the same position they would have been in had there been no contract. Rescission can occur in one of two ways: either a contract can be set aside (rescinded) because of some defect in its formation (such as misrepresentation, duress or undue influence) or it can be set aside by agreement by the parties, for example if they reach a new agreement. | | Duhaime's Law Dictionary | | Legal | |
| | Reserved Jurisdiction | A ruling by the court that it retains jurisdiction over a particular issue (e.g. child support). | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| | Respondent | The party answering a petition or motion. | | OCSE glossary | | Legal | |
| | Responding Jurisdiction | The court or administrative agency with jurisdiction over a non-custodial parent or child support order on which an initiating State has requested action. | | OCSE glossary | | Interstate | Initiating Jurisdiction |
| | Responding State | A state in which a proceeding to establish, enforce, or modify a support order, or to determine paternity is filed or to which a proceeding is forwarded for filing from an initiating state. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 117083 | | Interstate | Initiating State |
| | Responding Tribunal | The court, administrative agency, or quasi-judicial entity in a responding state authorized to establish, enforce, or modify support orders, or to determine paternity. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 117085 | | Interstate | Initiating Tribunal |
| | Responsive Declaration | A legal paper filed by a respondent in response to a motion or order to show cause filed by the other party in a lawsuit. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| | Responsive Pleading | The answer or other pleading filed by a defendant in response to a complaint or a petition, in which the defendant sets out his position and sets forth his defenses. | | LCSA glossary | | Legal | Answer |
| | Restraining Order | A court order to preclude a person from doing something for a certain amount of time, usually until a court hearing is held. | | www.courtinfo.ca.gov | | Legal | Injunctive Orders, Temporary Restraining Order |
| | Retroactive Child Support | Child support that is ordered to be paid commencing with a date in the past. | | LCSA glossary | | | Nunc pro Tunc |
| | Return Receipt | | | | Certified Mail Return Receipt | | |
| | Returned Warrant | A child support payment mailed to the custodial party or a refund or child support payment returned to the noncustodial parent by the local child support agency, that was returned to the LCSA by the post office as undeliverable. | | LCSA glossary | | Financial | |

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| **R** | Review and Adjustment | Process in which current financial information is obtained from both parties in a child support case and evaluated to decide if a support order needs to be adjusted. | | OCSE glossary | | Case Management | Modification |
| | Revised Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act | Revised URESA law that sets forth reciprocal laws concerning the enforcement of child support between States. | | RURESA | | OCSE glossary | Interstate Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act; Uniform Interstate Family Support Act |
| **S** | Safeguard Activity Report | Describes procedures established and utilized by agencies receiving Federal tax information to ensure that the information remains confidential | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | |
| | Sanction | 1) To ratify or to approve. 2) To punish. 3) To authorize a reduction of 25% of the Welfare cash grant for not cooperating with the local child support office. | | 1) Duhaimes Law Dictionary 2) LCSA glossary | | Case Management | Non-Cooperation |
| | Satisfaction of Judgment | A Judicial Council form used to indicate that the money owed by the obligor pursuant to a court order or judgment has been satisfied. | | DCSS Legal | | Case Management | |
| | Satisfaction of Matured Installments | To pay all required monthly installment payments to date in full with current support still at issue. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | |
| | Seasonal | A time characterized by a particular circumstance or feature | | www.merriam-webster.com | | General | |
| | Seek Work Order | | | | Work Search Order | | |
| | Seizure | The taking of an object from its possessor or custodian by a law enforcement officer. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | |
| | Senate Bill | Proposed legislation authored by a State Senator and introduced in the State Senate. | | DCSS Legal | | General | |
| | Serve | To deliver notice of a court proceeding or a court order to the other party or other person affected by it. | | LCSA glossary | | Legal | |
| | Service by Publication | Service of process accomplished by publishing a notice in a newspaper or by posting on a bulletin board of a courthouse or other public facility, after a court determines that other means of service are impractical or have been unsuccessful. This procedure is not legal in every State. Per CCP 763.010 this procedure is legal in California | | OCSE glossary | | Legal | Service of Process |

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| **S** | Service Instructions | Information provided to a process server, including the name and physical description of the party to be served, the party's address and telephone number, a list of the documents to be served, any additional special instructions and the name and telephone number of the person and agency requesting service. | | LCSA glossary | | Legal | Process Server, Service of Process |
| | Service of Process | The delivery of a writ, summons, or other process, to a party for the purpose of obtaining jurisdiction over that party. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| | Set Aside | | | | vacate | | |
| | Show Cause | A court order directing a person to appear and bring forth any evidence as to why the remedies stated in the requested order should not be confirmed or executed by the court. A show cause order is usually based on a motion and affidavit asking for relief. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | Order to Show Cause |
| | Single Aid Status Case | All of the children in the family receiving Title IV-D services from a local child support agency have the same public assistance status, and are either currently receiving public assistance, formerly received public assistance, or never received public assistance. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119081 (Proposed) | | Financial | Mixed Aid Status Case |
| | Single State Financial Institution Data Case Management Match | Process by which delinquent child support obligors are Financial Institution matched with accounts held in Financial Institutions (FI) doing business in only one State. | | LCSA glossary | | | Data Match, Multistate Financial Institution Data Match |
| | Skiptrace | Using various resources to find an individual's current address and /or other information, including financial information. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | Locate |
| | Social Security Act | A federal statute providing for the establishment of a nation-wide federal and state system of old age assistance, old age and survivors' insurance benefits, and unemployment insurance or compensation, plus some incidental benefits. | | DCSS Legal | | General | |
| | Social Security Administration | The federal office where people can apply for a Social Security number and apply for benefits paid under the social security act. | SSA | DCSS Legal | | General | |
| | Social Security Benefits (earned) | Earned benefits paid by Social Security through taxes, such as: retirement, disability, family benefits, survivors and Medicare. | | DCSS Legal | | General | |

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| **S** | Social Security Disability Insurance | Benefits paid to qualified workers at any age who have enough Social Security credits and who have a severe physical or mental impairment that is expected to prevent them from doing "substantial" work for a year or more or who have a condition that is expected to result in death. | SSDI | DCSS Legal | | General | |
| | Social Security Income | Income when a person retires or become disabled, or the family's only income when a person dies, based upon a percentage of earnings averaged over most of a person's working lifetime. | | www.ssa.gov | | General | |
| | Social Security Number | A unique nine-digit number assigned to all qualified persons in the United States who have made a request to the Social Security Administration. | | SSN | | LCSA glossary | General |
| | Social Security Supplemental Income | | | | Supplemental Security Income | | |
| | Social Worker | Someone employed to provide services intended to advance the social conditions of a community, and especially of the disadvantaged, such as psychological counseling, guidance, and assistance, especially in the form of social services (may also be known as caseworker, welfare worker, etc.). | | www.Dictionary.com | | General | Eligibility Worker, Welfare Worker |
| | Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 | proceeding in any court in which a person in military service is involved as a party, either on the court's own motion or upon application by a military party or some person on his/her behalf, unless in the opinion of the court the military party's ability to participate in the action or proceeding is not materially affected by reason of his/her military service. | | A federal statute providing for a stay of an action or | | Case Management | DCSS Legal |
| | Split Custody | Two or more children from the same parents are in the legal and or physical custody of different people. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | Custody |
| | Spousal Support | A legally enforceable obligation assessed against an individual for the support of a spouse or former spouse who is living with a child or children for whom the individual also owes support. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110609 | | Case Management | |
| | Spousal Support Order | An order for the payment of spousal support to a spouse or former spouse of the obligor. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110610 | | General | Spousal Support |
| | Standardized Data Elements | Data elements that must be included in each child support case record that is transmitted to the Federal Case Registry (FCR). | | OCSE glossary | | Case Management | |

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| **S** | State | A state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. The term "State" also includes both of the following: (a) an Indian tribe, including a Native Alaskan Village as defined in 42 United States Code, Section 619. (b) A foreign jurisdiction that has enacted a law or established procedures for issuance and enforcement of support orders which are substantially similar to the procedures under the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act specified in Chapter 6, of Part 5, of Division 9 (commencing with Section 4900) of the Family Code. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 117089 | | Interstate | |
| | State Case Registry Federal Case | A database maintained by each State that contains information on all individuals in all IV-D cases and all non IV-D orders established or modified after October 1, 1998. Among the data included in the SCR is the State's numerical FIPS code, the State's identification number (which must be unique to the case), the case type (IV-D vs. Non IV-D), locate information on persons listed in the case, in addition to other information. | | SCR | | OCSE glossary | Case Management Registry; IV-D Case; Non IV-D Order |
| | State Directory of New Hires National Directory of | A database maintained by each state that contains information regarding employees who are newly hired in the respective state. | | SDNH | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110615 | General New Hires; New Hire Reporting |
| | State Disability Insurance | A state-mandated insurance plan, administered by the EDD, funded through employee payroll deductions to provide short-term, partial wage replacement benefits to eligible workers who suffer a loss of wages when they are unable to work due to a non-work related illness or injury or a medically disabling condition from pregnancy or childbirth. | SDI | DCSS Legal | | Case Management | Disability Insurance Benefit |
| | State Disbursement Unit Child | The single site in each State where all child support payments are processed. Upon implementation of centralized collections, each state will designate its State Disbursement Unit, or SDU, to which all withheld child support payments must be sent for processing. | | SDU | | OCSE glossary | CCSAS California Support Automation System |
| | State Employer Identification Number | An identification number unique to each employer. | SEIN | | | DCSS Legal | |

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| **S** State Employment Security Agency Unemployment | Agencies in each State that process unemployment insurance claims. They are also repositories of quarterly wage data, information on all employees submitted by employers, which they submit to the National Directory of New Hires (NDNH) along with the unemployment insurance claim data. In some States, the SESA also operates the State Directory of New Hires (SDNH), which contains data submitted by employers on newly hired employees. Data submitted to the NDNH is then compared against child support order information contained in the Federal Case Registry (FCR) for possible enforcement of child support obligations by wage garnishment. | | SESA | | OCSE glossary | Case Management Insurance Claim Data; Quarterly Wage Data; New Hire Data |
| State Hearing Resolution | An administrative hearing mandated by state law whereby a complainant may obtain an impartial review of a Local Child Support Agency or Franchise Tax Board action or inaction regarding a child support case. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110618 | | General | Complaint Process |
| State Hearing Office Resolution | The division that conducts state hearings in the office or agency designated by the Department to carry out state hearings. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 120005 | | Customer Service | Complaint Process |
| State Hearing Representative Resolution | A person assigned by a Local Child Support Agency to present the position of the local agency at the State Hearing, question witnesses, including the complainant or complainant's representative, respond to questions, make case records available as appropriate and enter into binding agreements on behalf of the LCSA during the hearing. | | Complaint Resolution Procedures | | Customer Service | Complaint Process |
| State Identification Card Number | The number that appears on a photo identification card issued by the State Department of Motor Vehicles. In California, the DMV issues ID cards to persons of any age. The ID card is similar to a driver license, but is used for identification purposes only. | | www.dmv.ca.gov | | General | |
| State Licensing Match System | System which matches delinquent child support obligors with state-issued licenses when applying for or renewing a state license. | | SLMS | | LCSA glossary | Case Management |
| State Medical Information Form | | | | DHS 6110 | | |
| State Parent Locator Service | A unit within each state Child Support Enforcement Agency which is used to locate non-custodial parents to establish paternity, and to establish and enforce child support obligations, visitation, and custody orders. This unit operates the State Case Registry (SCR), and in most States, the State Directory of New Hires (SDNH). (In some States the SDNH is operated by the State Employment Security Agency or SESA.) | SPLS | DCSS Legal | | Case Management | California Parent Locator Service, Federal Parent Locator Service |

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| **S** | State Supplementary Program | A State program administered by the Social Security Administration (SSA) which augments Supplemental Security Income and provides benefits for the elderly, disabled and blind. | | DCSS Legal | | Case Management | Supplemental Security Income |
| | State Unemployment Insurance | A federal-state program, administered by the Employment Development Department (EDD) financed through employer contributions to provide partial wage replacement to eligible unemployed workers while they conduct an active search for new work. | SUI | DCSS Legal | | Case Management | Unemployment Insurance, Unemployment Insurance Benefits, Intercept |
| | State/County Plan of Cooperation | The cooperative agreement between the Department and each local child support agency that identifies the local child support agency's roles and responsibilities for establishing paternity, establishing, modifying, and enforcing child support, spousal support, and medical support, or otherwise carrying out the requirements of Title IV-D. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110625 | | General | |
| | Statewide Utility Match System | A locate tool where delinquent obligors are matched against utility records. | SUMS | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | |
| | Statute of Limitations | The period during which an action or proceeding must be commenced or be forever barred. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| | Stay | An order by a court which suspends all or some of the proceedings in a case. | | LCSA glossary | | Legal | |
| | Stay of Assignment | An order by a court which temporarily stops the enforcement of either a wage or medical assignment until the happening of a contingency or further court order regarding the stay. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| | Stipulation | A written agreement between the parties that certain facts are true and will not be contested for the purposes of a particular lawsuit. | | LCSA glossary | | Legal | Stipulation and Order |
| | Stipulation and Order | An agreement relating to a pending court proceeding between parties or their attorneys, entered with or without a court appearance, that is submitted to the Court for approval and with the Court's signature becomes a court order. | | www.courtinfo.ca.gov | | Legal | Stipulation |
| | Subject Matter Jurisdiction | A tribunal's authority to hear and determine the issues presented in a case brought before it. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 117091 | | Interstate | Jurisdiction |
| | Subordination of Lien | The act by which a lienholder agrees to place his lien in a lower priority for payment than another claim or lien. | | DCSS Legal | | Enforcement | Abstract of Support Judgment |

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| **S** | Subpoena | An order issued by a court compelling a witness to appear at a judicial proceeding and/or direct the witness to bring documentary evidence to the court. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | Subpoena Duces Tecum |
| | Subpoena Duces Tecum | An order compelling a witness to produce specific documents or tangibles under his or her control, to a trial or deposition. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | Subpoena |
| | Subrogate | To place one in the legal position of another and to assume their rights or claims. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| | Substantial Compliance | | | | Compliance | | |
| | Substituted Service | Service of process by leaving legal documents with an adult in the recipient's home or with the recipient's manager at work. Followed with service by mail to the recipient at the same address. | | DCSS Legal | | Case Management | Service of Process |
| | Substitution of Attorney | A document in which the party to a lawsuit states that his/her attorney of record is being substituted for by another attorney or by the party acting for himself/herself (in propria persona). | | www.law.com | | Legal | In Propria Persona |
| | Substitution of Payee | A court action that changes to whom an order is payable. | | LCSA glossary | | Legal | Notice Regarding Payment of Support |
| | Sum Certain | A specific amount of money, such as $100.00 per month; usually refers to the amount of debtor obligation. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | |
| | Summons | A notice to a defendant that an action against him or her has been commenced in the court issuing the summons and that a judgment will be taken against him or her if the complaint is not answered within a certain time. | | OCSE glossary | | Legal | |
| | Summons and Complaint | A mandatory Judicial Council form used to notify a defendant that a lawsuit has been filed against him or her, and that a judgment will be taken against the defendant as requested by the plaintiff if no answer is filed and the defendant fails to appear within the time allowed by law (generally 30 days in California). | | LCSA glossary | | Legal | Default, Summons, Proposed Judgment |
| | Superior Court | The trial court in each county of the State of California which hears all adoption, family law, juvenile, criminal, civil, small claims, and probate cases. | | www.courtinfo.ca.gov | | General | |
| | Supersede | To replace, supplant. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |

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| **S** | Supplemental Security Income | A Federal income supplement program funded by general tax revenues designed to help aged, blind, and disabled people, who have little or no income. | | SSI | | www.ssa.gov | General |
| | Supplemental Summons and Complaint | A mandatory Judicial Council form filed subsequent to the first Summons and Complaint which sets forth material facts which occurred or became known after an original complaint was filed. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | Summons and Complaint |
| | Support Family | An amount owing for the maintenance of a person or persons. Support includes: child support, as defined in Section 110129; family support, as defined in Section 119037; medical support, as defined in Section 110431; and spousal support as defined in Section 110609. "Support" may also mean child care costs, uninsured health care costs, educational costs, or travel expenses for visitation pursuant to Section 4062 of the Family Code. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119085 (Proposed) | | General | Child Support, Support, Medical Support, Spousal Support |
| | Support Calculation Programs | Computer software programs designed to calculate the guideline amount of child support a non-custodial parent will be obligated to pay based upon both parents' income and expense information. | | www.Californiadivorcelaw.net | | Case Management | |
| | Support Order Child | A judgment, decree, or order, whether temporary, final, or subject to modification, issued by a court or an administrative agency of a competent jurisdiction, for the support and maintenance of a child. This includes a child who has attained the age of majority under the law of the issuing State, or of the parent with whom the child is living. Support orders can incorporate the provision of monetary support, health care, payment of arrearages, or reimbursement of costs and fees, interest and penalties, and other forms of relief. | | OCSE glossary | | Legal | Obligation; Non-custodial Parent, Obligor, Support Order |
| | Support Rights | Every parent who does not reside with a child has a responsibility to provide monetary support. Child, spousal and medical support amounts are established in court orders. As a condition of receiving public assistance, a custodial party assigns their right to collect unpaid support, owed up to the time welfare is discontinued, to the county which provides the public assistance. | | LCSA glossary | | General | |
| | Surety | A person who make himself or herself responsible for an obligation owed by another person upon the occurrence of a specified contingency. | | DCSS Legal | | General | |
| | Suspend | To stop temporarily as of an effective date. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |

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| **S** | Suspense | An account into which payments are deposited until the payer is identified or the proper account to be credited is determined. | | LCSA glossary | | Financial | Payment Hold |
| | Sworn Statement | A statement or declaration made under oath that it is true to the best of the declarant's knowledge and belief. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | Penalty of Perjury |
| **T** | TANF | "Temporary Assistance to Needy Families" or TANF, also known as CalWORKS, means the program funded under Title IV-A of the Social Security Act that provides temporary public assistance to a needy family, that was formerly know as the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program that terminated October 1, 1996. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110654 (Proposed) | | General | Temporary Assistance to Needy Families |
| | Tax Refund Intercept | | | | Intercept | | |
| | Tax Refund Offset Notice | A notice sent to the Obligor by the IRS or FTB advising him/her that part or all of his/her tax refund was intercepted to pay past due child support. | | LCSA glossary | | Enforcement | Federal Tax Refund Offset Program, Intercept |
| | Temporarily Assigned Arrearages | Unpaid support that accrues after October 1, 1998, and before the period a family receives public assistance which becomes assigned when the family receives public assistance. Temporarily assigned arrearages also means any unassigned arrearages that accrued before October l, 1998, for a family who began receiving public assistance after October 1, 1998. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119088 (Proposed) | | Financial | |
| | Temporary Assistance to Needy Families | Time-limited public assistance payments made to families based on financial need under Title IV-A of the Social Security Act. TANF replaced Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC-- otherwise known as welfare) when the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) was signed into law in 1996. | | TANF | | OCSE glossary | General TANF, Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act |
| | Temporary Restraining Order | A court order for an injunction forbidding a defendant or third party from taking certain actions or doing specified things until there is a court hearing addressing the matter. In Family Law, these are commonly used as a restraint on conduct to prevent any party from disposing of assets. | | TRO | | LCSA glossary | Legal Injunctive Orders, Restraining Order |
| | Temporary Support Order | An interim order for the obligor to pay support while the court case is pending entry of a final judgment. | | TSO | | LCSA glossary | Legal |
| | Termination of Parental Rights | A proceeding that declares a minor child free from the care and control of either or both parents and that terminates all parental rights and responsibilities with regard to the child. | | FC 7802, 7803 | | Legal | Relinquishment of Parental Rights |

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| **T** | Third Party Liability | A category under which the state pays the difference between the amount of a medical bill and the amount the insurance company has paid. This occurs only when a public assistance recipient has medical insurance in addition to coverage provided by the public assistance program. | | OCSE glossary | | General | |
| | Till Tap | A writ of execution in which the sheriff is instructed to seize funds in the cash register or cash drawer or obligor's business. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | Writ of Execution |
| | Timeframes | The amount of time allowed under statute or regulation for the performance of specified actions in a child support case. (Also known as timelines). | | LCSA glossary | | General | Compliance, Regulations |
| | Title | Evidence of a right of possession of land or other property, in the form of a written instrument. For real property, this is usually in the form of a deed of trust. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | Preliminary Title Report |
| | Title IV-A | "Title IV-A" means Title IV of the federal Social Security Act, Part A, Block Grants to States for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, codified at 42 U.S.C., Section 601, et seq. | IV-A | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110658 | | General | IV-A Agency, IV-A Case |
| | Title IV-B | "Title IV-B" means Title IV of the federal Social Security Act, Part B, Child and Family Services, codified at 42, U.S.C., Section 620 et seq. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110659 | | General | |
| | Title IV-D | "Title IV-D" means Title IV of the federal Social Security Act, Part D, Child Support and Establishment of Paternity, codified at 42, U.S.C., Section 651, et seq. | IV-D | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110660 | | General | IV-D Agency, IV-D Case |
| | Title IV-E | "Title IV-E" means Title IV of the federal Social Security Act, Part E, Federal Payments for Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, codified at 42, U.S.C., Section 670 et seq. | IV-E | Title 22, Division 13, Section 110661 | | General | IV-E Case, Foster Care |
| | Title Search | | | | Abstract of Title | | |
| | Total Aid Paid | Total amount of aid (assistance grant) paid to a family assistance unit. | | LCSA glossary | | Financial | Unreimbursed Assistance Pool |
| | Transmittal UIFSA | | | | UIFSA Transmittal | | |
| | Transmittal, Interstate Child Support Enforcement | | | | UIFSA Transmittal | | |

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| **T** | Trial | The judicial hearing and determination of issues of fact and law, in accordance with prescribed legal procedures, in order to reach a disposition. Can be either (1) a bench trial, i.e., a court trial that is heard and decided by a judge, or (2) a jury trial, i.e. a trial that is heard and decided by a jury, which usually consists of 12 people. | | LCSA glossary | | Legal | |
| | Tribunal | A court, administrative agency, or quasi-judicial entity authorized to establish, enforce, or modify support orders or to determine parentage. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 117094 | | Interstate | |
| | Trust Beneficiary | "Beneficiary" means a person to whom a donative transfer of property is made or that person's successor in interest, and: (a) As it relates to the intestate estate of a decedent, means an heir. (b) As it relates to the testate estate of a decedent, means a devisee. (c) As it relates to a trust, means a person who has any present or future interest, vested or contingent. (d) As it relates to a charitable trust, includes any person entitled to enforce the trust. | | Probate Code Secs. 24, 15301(b), 15305; CCP §709.010 | | Case Management | |
| | Two-State Action | An action under the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA) when a state does not have long arm jurisdiction (i.e., cannot legally claim personal jurisdiction over a non-custodial parent who lives in another State). | | DCSS Legal | | Interstate | Initiating Jurisdiction; Uniform Interstate Family Support Act |
| | Two-State Case | | | | Two-State Action | | |
| **U** | UIFSA Initiating State | In an interstate case, the state where the custodial party and the children live and which sends a request for action to another state. | | DCSS Legal | | Interstate | Uniform Interstate Family Support Act; Initiating Jurisdiction; Responding Jurisdiction |
| | UIFSA Responding State | In an interstate case, the state where the non-custodial parent lives and which has jurisdiction over a non-custodial parent or child support order that has received a request for support services from a UIFSA initiating state. | | DCSS Legal | | Interstate | |
| | UIFSA Transmittal | A mandatory federal form used for communication between the initiating and responding states in an interstate child support case. | | OCSE Glossary | | Interstate | |
| | Unassigned During Assistance Arrearages | Unpaid support in former public assistance cases that accrued while the family was receiving public assistance which exceeds the total unreimbursed assistance pool. | | UDA Section 119091 (Proposed) | | Title 22, Division 13, | Financial |

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| **U** | Unassigned Pre-Assistance Arrearages | Unpaid support in former assistance cases that accrued before a family was receiving public assistance and which exceed the total unreimbursed assistance pool. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119093 (Proposed) | | Financial | |
| | Unborn | An unborn child | | LCSA Glossary | | Case Management | |
| | Unclaimed Funds | A support payment that cannot be disbursed because the identity of the payer is unknown, or the address of the payee is unknown. | | OCSE glossary | | Financial | Suspense |
| | Undistributed Collections | Collections received by the local child support agency that cannot be distributed for a variety of reasons, including, but not limited to, receipts from unknown payers or where the payer cannot be identified, and receipts in cases where the address of the payee is unknown. | | LCSA glossary | | Financial | Suspense |
| | Unemployment Insurance | | | | State Unemployment Insurance | | |
| | Unemployment Insurance Benefit Intercept | | | | Intercept | | |
| | Unemployment Insurance Benefits | The monetary payments to an unemployed individual which includes unemployment compensation benefits, federal-state extended benefits, or extended duration benefits, or all of them. | UIB | CA Unemployment Insurance Code §128 | | Enforcement | Unemployment Insurance |
| | Unemployment Insurance Claim Data | | | Data on unemployment insurance and applicants/claimants | | | OCSE glossary |
| | Enforcement | State Employment submitted by State Employment Security Agencies (SESAs) on a quarterly basis to the National Directory of New Hires (NDNH) including the employee's name, address, Social Security Number (SSN), the benefit amount, and reporting period. | | | | | Security Agency; National Directory of New Hires |
| | Uniform Interstate Family Support Act | Laws enacted at the State level to provide mechanisms for establishing and enforcing child support obligations in interstate cases (when a non-custodial parent lives in a different State than his/her child and the custodial party). The provisions of UIFSA supercede those of URESA, although some URESA provisions may remain in effect in some States. | UIFSA | DCSS Legal | | Interstate | Direct Income Withholding, IV-D |
| | Uniform Parentage Act | That part of the Family Code known as Division 12, part 3, which includes Family Code Sections 7600 to 7730, and addresses the establishment of the parent and child relationship. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | |

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| **U** | Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act | Law first promulgated in 1950 which provides a mechanism for establishing, enforcing, and modifying support obligations in interstate cases and which has now been superceded by the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA). | Uniform Interstate | | | | URESA OCSE Family Support Act |
| | United States Code | A compilation of federal laws. | | DCSS Legal | | General | |
| | Universal Data Form | The form sent by LCSA's to the credit reporting agencies for reporting or updating account information of the NCP. | | LCSA glossary | | General | |
| | Unreimbursed Assistance Pool | The cumulative amount of public assistance paid to a family receiving public assistance under the CalWORKS, Foster Care, or KinGAP programs which has not been repaid by the recoupment of collections for assigned current support or arrearages. | UAP | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119095 (Proposed) | | Financial | Total Aid Paid, Recoupment of Aid Paid |
| | Unreimbursed Public Assistance | Money paid in the form of public assistance (for example, TANF or older AFDC expenditures) which has not yet been recovered from the non-custodial parent (NCP). | UPA | OCSE glossary | | Enforcement | |
| | Unsecured Assets | Assets which are owned "free and clear," in which no one has a security interest | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | |
| **V** | Vacate | To cancel, annul, or setaside, as in to set aside a judgment. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |
| | Venue | The county or district where an action may be filed | | LCSA glossary | | Legal | Change of Venue |
| | Verification | In a legal document, a verification is a statement under penalty of perjury that the statements in the document are true to the best of the declarant's knowledge and belief. | | DCSS Legal | | General | Penalty of Perjury |
| | Visitation | The right of a non-custodial parent to visit and/or spend time with his/her children following the parents' separation or dissolution of marriage. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | Custody |
| | Vital Statistics | Information at state or county departments regarding births, deaths, marriages, or dissolution of marriages. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | Office of Vital Records |
| | Vocational Rehabilitation Maintenance Allowance | Workers' Compensation benefit payment, made to a qualified injured worker who is unable to return to his/her former type of work, to subsidize mileage and costs of participating in a re-training program and provide partial wage replacement to the injured worker. | | DCSS Legal | | Enforcement | Workers Compensation |
| | Voluntary Acknowledgement of Paternity | A voluntary statement or acknowledgment signed by an unmarried mother and putative father that provides, when filed with the Department of Child Support Services, that a man is the father of a minor child. | | DCSS Legal | | Case Management | Acknowledgment of Parentage, Declaration of Paternity |

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| **V** | Voluntary Payments | Support payments received from the noncustodial parent in Title IV-D cases where there is no court ordered obligation. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 119097 (Proposed) | | Financial | |
| **W** | W-2 Form | A wage and tax statement that shows the names of the employer and employee, the wages that were paid to the employee, and the taxes that were withheld from the wages for the year. | | LCSA glossary | | Case Management | |
| | Wage Assignment | | | | Order/Notice to Withhold Income for Child Support | | |
| | Wage Attachment | | | | Income Withholding | | |
| | Wage Withholding | | | | Income Withholding | | |
| | Waiver | The voluntary and intentional relinquishment of a known and existing right, with full knowledge of the consequences. | | LCSA glossary | | Legal | |
| | Ward of the Court | A minor who is being supervised by the juvenile court after a finding that he/she has violated any state or federal law, or any city or county ordinance, other than for a curfew based on age. | | W&I 602 | | Legal | Foster Care |
| | Warrant | 1) A voucher authorizing payment of money; an order similar to a bank check, commonly used by government agencies. 2) A writ issued by a judicial officer for the arrest of a person or for the search of property. | | LCSA glossary; DCSS Legal | | General | Bench Warrant |
| | Welfare | Aid or assistance payments granted to a family, caretaker or agency. | | LCSA Glossary | | General | Aid, Public Assistance, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, California Work Opportunities & Responsibilities to Kids |
| | Welfare and Institutions Code | Codified area of state law that addresses welfare and institutions providing social services. | W&I | LCSA Glossary | | General | |
| | Welfare Department | Generally, the office providing IV-A, IV-B, and IV-E services in each county. | | LCSA Glossary | | General | California Health and Human Services Agency |

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| **W** | Welfare Fraud | A criminal act of willful non-compliance with statutory regulations pertaining to recipients of public assistance; or providing misinformation on required welfare eligibility forms which result in improper receipt of public assistance payments. | | LCSA glossary | | General | Fraud |
| | Welfare Referral | A referral of CalWORKS, Foster Care, or Medically Needy Only recipient to the LCSA from the county welfare department. | | Title 22, Division 13, Section 112100(e) | | Case Management | |
| | Welfare Reform | | | | Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 | | |
| | Welfare Worker | | | | County Welfare Worker | | |
| | With Prejudice | In law, a complaint dismissed "with prejudice" cannot be refiled. | | LCSA glossary | | Legal | Dismissal |
| | Without Prejudice | In law, a complaint dismissed "without prejudice" can be refiled at a later date. | | LCSA glossary | | Legal | Dismissal |
| | Work Search Order | A court order that directs the non-custodial parent to submit to the Local Child Support Agency or to the court, every two weeks, or other frequency deemed by the court, a list of at least five different places the NCP has applied for employment. May also be known as "seek work order" or "job search order". | | FC 4505 | | Enforcement | |
| | Workers' Compensation | A state insurance program financed through employer contributions to provide compensation to eligible workers who are unable to work due to a work-related injury. | | www.dir.ca.gov | | Enforcement | |
| | Workers' Compensation Appeals Board | The board that renders decisions on claims filed by injured workers. | WCAB | LCSA glossary | | Enforcement | |
| | Workers' Compensation Lien | A lien filed with the Worker's Compensation Appeals Board (WCAB) to seize the money paid to the injured worker for unpaid child or spousal support that accrued since the date of an obligor's injury. | | DCSS Legal | | Enforcement | |
| | Writ | A court order commanding that a specific action be taken. | | www.courtinfo.ca.gov | | Legal | |
| | Writ of Attachment | A court order issued at the commencement of a suit to attach specified property for the satisfaction of a judgment if and when a judgment is entered in favor of the plaintiff. | | DCSS Legal | | Legal | |

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| **W** | Writ of Execution | An order issued by a court directing that certain assets be seized for the enforcement of a money judgment. | | LCSA glossary | | Legal | |
| | Writ Payment | | | | Payment Source | | |

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