

## New Hampshire Division for Children, Youth and Families' Glossary



### Defined Terms M-N

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*The following terms are defined for application to Policies and Standard Operating Procedures of the Division for Children, Youth and Families. Unless otherwise identified within a document, these meanings are intended.*

| Term                                     | Definition  | Acronym |
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| <b>Maintenance Contractor</b>            | means any individual(s) contracted to provide a grounds or maintenance service to the facility/utilities who requires access to enter the secured portion of the facility to complete the necessary work. |         |
| <b>Manifestation Meeting</b>             | means the IEP meeting held to discuss if a child's behaviors are substantially related to behavioral issues that are impacting the child's ability to remain in their current educational program.        |         |
| <b>Mechanical Restraint</b>              | means the Division-issued, temporary device or devices, used to restrict or control the movement of a youth, or the movement or the normal function of a portion of their body.                           |         |
| <b>Medical Emergency</b>                 | means an acute injury or illness that poses an immediate risk to a person's life or long-term health without intervention.  |         |
| <b>Medical Neglect</b>                   | means the failure to provide adequate medical care including, but not limited to, the withholding of medically indicated treatment from a disabled infant with a life threatening condition.              |         |
| <b>Medical/Psychological Evaluations</b> | means the provision of medical and/or psychological evaluations to help determine if children have been abused, neglected, and/or exploited.  |         |
| <b>Medical Services</b>                  | mean preventive or remedial medical care necessary to the health or well-being of children.   |         |

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| <b>Mental Health Screening Tool</b>                       | means the well-being measure administered to children by CPSW/JPPOs to screen for mental health problems and to conduct regular functional assessment for traumatic exposure and post-traumatic stress symptoms for the purpose of functional assessment, data-driven case planning and decision-making, and outcome monitoring. The MHST includes the Young Child PTSD Checklist (YCPC) for ages 1 to 6 years or the Child PTSD Symptom Scale (CPSS) for ages 7 to 10 years, the UCLA Child PTSD Index for ages 11-20, and Strengths & Difficulties Questionnaire for ages 3-20. | <b>MHST</b>  |
| <b>Mentoring</b>  | means the process of working with an identified experienced employee (Practice Advisor), who has been identified as a mentor, to learn the policies, procedures, best practices, and culture of DCYF.   |              |
| <b>Miscellaneous</b>                                      | is an independent living service, which pays for needed items, or services related to a youth's Case Plan for Independent Living.   |              |
| <b>Missing Child</b>                                      | means a child absent from their legal place of residence and whose location cannot be determined by the person responsible for their care.  |              |
| <b>Missing Parent</b>                                     | means a parent whose identity and/or location is unknown. Once they have been identified and located, they are referred to as the non-custodial parent.   |              |
| <b>Mitigating Circumstances</b>                           | means a situation that warrants an alternative action due to factors beyond one's control, such as not being able to meet with a client due to the client's unavailability.   |              |
| <b>Mobile Device</b>                                      | means a form of portable technology including tablet PCs and cell phones. Smart phones are a type of cell phone with advanced functioning to provide connectivity to internet and email.  |              |
| <b>Monotherapy</b>  | means the use of one psychotropic medication.   |              |
| <b>Monthly NYTD Checklist</b>                             | means Form 1969, the list of independent living services to be tracked and recorded for NYTD purposes.  |              |
| <b>National Center for Missing and Exploited Children</b> | means the national entity identified in the Social Security Act to receive information on any child legally involved with a state's CPS or JJS program who is missing.  | <b>NCMEC</b> |
| <b>National Crime Information Center</b>                  | means the computerized index of criminal justice information that is operational 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and maintained for the purpose of providing criminal justice agencies access to information to aid in the apprehension of fugitives, location of missing persons, locating and returning stolen property, and the protection of law enforcement officers encountering the persons described in the system.  | <b>NCIC</b>  |

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| <b>National Youth In Transition Database</b>  | means the federal law that requires each state to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Collect information on youth and the independent living services they receive paid for or provided by the State agencies that administer the Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (CFCIP); and</li> <li>2. Collect outcomes information on youth who are in or who age out of foster care.</li> </ol>   | <b>NYTD</b>       |
| <b>Neglect</b>  | means a child who has been abandoned by his or her parents, guardian or custodian; or who is without proper parental care or control, subsistence, education as required by law, or other care or control necessary for the child's physical, mental, or emotional health, when it is established that the child's health has suffered or is likely to suffer serious impairment; and the deprivation is not due primarily to the lack of financial means of the parents, guardian, or custodian; or whose parents, guardian or custodian are unable to discharge their responsibilities to and for the child because of incarceration; hospitalization or other physical or mental incapacity. |                   |
| <b>Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome</b>   | means the withdrawal syndrome of infants, caused by the cessation of the administration of licit or illicit drugs.  | <b>NAS</b>        |
| <b>New Hampshire DCYF Practice Model</b>  | means the beliefs that form the Division's mission and each bureau's guiding principles that drive the agency's approach to providing services, and creates a framework for decision-making and a practice structure within all levels of the agency.   |                   |
| <b>New Hampshire Integrated Assessment</b>  | means the process and tools that assist the CPSW in assessing the families' safety and capacity utilizing a standardized, systematic approach.  | <b>NHIA</b>       |
| <b>New Hampshire Interstate Commission for Juveniles - Deputy Compact Administrator</b> | means the Division employee who has been designated to act as liaison for the Interstate Compact for Juveniles.   | <b>NH ICJ DCA</b> |
| <b>Nolle Prosequi</b>   | means a declaration made to the judge by a prosecutor in a juvenile matter, either before or during trial, meaning the case against the juvenile is being dropped.  |                   |
| <b>Non-Court Cases</b>  | means services provided to children and families by CPS or JJS under a Non-Court Agreement and Case Plan.   |                   |
| <b>Non-Custodial Parent</b>   | means a parent who is not exercising physical custody of their child at the time of the Division's involvement with the family. This may include a parent who has shared physical custody of their child, who has had no contact with the child, or is currently incarcerated.  |                   |

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| <b>Non-Deadly Force</b>                  | pursuant to RSA 627:9, IV means any assault or confinement that does not constitute deadly force.  |  |
| <b>Non-Pharmacological Interventions</b> | means a plan for treatment of mental or behavioral health symptoms through therapy or other actions that do not involve the use of a medication.   |  |
| <b>Non-Resident Youth</b>                | means those minors and children who become subject to court proceedings in New Hampshire pursuant to RSA 169-B or RSA 169-D, but who are not residents of this state, or whose NH residence ended prior to, during, or shortly after the implementation of NH court proceedings. |  |
| <b>Nurse Coordinator</b>                 | means the public health nurse coordinator of the foster care health program who coordinates services for immediate and ongoing health care of the child.   |  |
| <b>NYTD Outcome Survey</b>               | means Form 1973 that is provided to youth who are part of the Baseline and Follow Up Populations.  |  |

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