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<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b>2-1-1</b>	<b>2-1-1 Texas</b> --A toll-free, one-stop telephone resource to receive information and referrals for existing health and social services resources throughout Texas.
<b>AAP</b>	<b>American Academy of Pediatrics</b> --A national professional organization of pediatricians (primary care, subspecialists, and surgical specialists) dedicated to the health, safety, and wellbeing of infants, children, adolescents, and young adults.
<b>AAR</b>	<b>Ask, Advise, Refer</b> --A three-step tobacco cessation protocol for health care practitioners. Providers ask if the patient smokes, advise the patient to quit, and refer the smoker to a telephone quitline.
<b>ACE</b>	<b>Adverse Childhood Experiences</b> --Negative experiences during childhood that include childhood abuse, neglect, and exposure to other traumatic stressors that can result in negative health and social problems.
<b>ADHD</b>	<b>Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder</b> --A condition, usually in children, characterized by inattention, hyperactivity, and impulsiveness.
<b>ADRC</b>	<b>Ageing and Disability Resource Center</b> --Serve as single points of entry into the long-term supports and services system for people with disabilities and older adults.
<b>ADT</b>	<b>Admit Discharge Transfer</b> --Health Level 7 (HL7) ADT are patient administration messages used to exchange patient demographic and visit information within a healthcare facility.
<b>AET!</b>	<b>Act Early Texas!</b> --An initiative through The Children’s Learning Institute at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. The program provides parents and early childhood professional with free online developmental screening tools for young children in Texas.
<b>ALC</b>	<b>Action Learning Collaborative</b> --A model that brings together multi-disciplinary teams to analyze a problem in MCH, identify resources, apply problem-solving techniques, review evidence-based and promising approaches from other teams. ALCs then create, implement and evaluate action plans.
<b>AMCHP</b>	<b>Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs</b> --A national resource, partner, and advocate for state public health leaders and others working to improve the health of women, children, youth and families, including those with special health care needs.

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<b>APHA</b>	<b>American Public Health Association</b> --A nonpartisan, nonprofit, professional membership association, with the mission of improving the public's health, promoting the scientific and professional foundation of public health practice and policy, advocating the conditions for a healthy society, emphasizing prevention, and enhancing the ability of members to promote and protect environmental and community health.
<b>ASD</b>	<b>Autism Spectrum Disorders</b> --A term that describes the different forms of autism.
<b>ASK</b>	<b>Ask about suicide, Seek more information, Know how and when to refer</b> --An acronym to remind direct-contact providers to ASK about suicide and make appropriate referrals.
<b>ASTHO</b>	<b>Association of State and Territorial Health Officials</b> --The national nonprofit organization representing public health agencies in the US, US Territories and the District of Columbia, and the public health professionals these agencies employ. ASTHO's primary function is to track, evaluate, and advise members on the impact and formation of public or private health policy which may affect them and to provide them with guidance and technical assistance on improving the nation's health.
<b>ATV</b>	<b>All-Terrain Vehicle</b>
<b>AYA</b>	<b>Adolescents and Young Adults</b>
<b>AYAH</b>	<b>Adolescents and Young Adults Health</b>
<b>BRFSS</b>	<b>Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System</b> --A federally-funded telephone survey of randomly selected Texas adults (18 years of age and older) to collect data on lifestyle risk factors that contribute to leading causes of death and chronic diseases.
<b>BSS</b>	<b>Oral Health Program Basic Surveillance Survey</b> --a survey designed to collect information about the observed oral health of survey participants.
<b>BTS</b>	<b>Breakthrough Series Model</b> --A model developed by the Institute for Healthcare Improvement which uses collaborative learning and rapid Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) cycles to bring about quality improvement within and across organizations (making this both an organizational change and a systems change strategy). The BTS model takes established, but not routinely implemented, practice standards or best practices and brings together healthcare providers and other professionals to examine care and practice processes and improve them through rapid cycles of change.
<b>CCHC</b>	<b>Child Care Health Consultant</b> --A local health or early childhood professional who has gone through specialized training in order to provide technical assistance and training to early care and education providers to promote healthy and safe environments for young children.

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<b>CDC</b>	<b>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</b> --A federal agency under the Department of Health and Human Services and the leading national public health institute of the United States.
<b>CFR</b>	<b>Child Fatality Review</b> --a public health strategy to understand child deaths through multidisciplinary review on the local level.
<b>CFRT</b>	<b>Child Fatality Review Team</b> --A multidisciplinary, multiagency working group that reviews child deaths on a local or regional level from a public health perspective.
<b>CHIP</b>	<b>Children's Health Insurance Program</b> --Federally known as the State Children's Health Insurance Program.
<b>CHS</b>	<b>Community Health Services Section (in FCHS)</b> --Coordinates development of program policies and procedures for community health services programs (Titles V, X, XV, XX, and XIX; Breast and Cervical Cancer Services; Family Planning; Maternal and Child Health Care Fee for Service; Epilepsy; Primary Health Care; and County Indigent Health Care) and reviews and approves quality assurance plans, and strategies for monitoring service delivery to improve access to community-based care.
<b>CHW</b>	<b>Community Health Worker (Promotora)</b> --A trained peer from within communities, CHWs/ promotores(as) provide outreach, health education, and referrals to local community members.
<b>CLAS</b>	<b>Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services</b> --Services that are responsive to diverse cultural health beliefs and practices, preferred languages, health literacy and other communication needs.
<b>CM</b>	<b>Case Management</b>
<b>CMV</b>	<b>Congenital Cytomegalovirus</b> --A virus that pregnant women can be infected with and pass to their unborn babies. Most infants who get CMV will not have signs or symptoms, however some may have hearing or vision loss or other health problems.
<b>CoIIN</b>	<b>Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network to Reduce Infant Mortality</b> --A model for learning among teams from multiple states sharing ideas, information and work, focused on quality improvement methods – including rapid-cycle testing of changes and outcomes – and common benchmarks to define and measure change.
<b>CPC</b>	<b>Children's Policy Council</b> --A group that helps Texas HHS agencies develop, implement, and administer family support policies and related long-term care and health programs for children. The CPC Includes relatives of consumers of these programs, representatives of faith-based and business communities, and other community organizations.

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<b>CPS</b>	<b>Child Protective Services (DFPS)</b> --Child Protective Services Division of the Department of Family and Protective Services investigates reports of abuse and neglect of children.
<b>CRCGs</b>	<b>Community Resource Coordinating Groups</b> --Are local interagency groups comprised of public and private agency representatives whose participants develop service plans for individuals and families whose needs require more intensive interagency service coordination and cooperation.
<b>CSHCN SP</b>	<b>Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program (in PHSU)</b> --DSHS program that provides health benefits to qualified children with special health care needs and their families, and individuals of all ages with cystic fibrosis.
<b>CSNN</b>	<b>Children's Special Needs Network</b>
<b>CYSHCN</b>	<b>Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs</b> --Those who have or are at risk for chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional conditions who require health and related services of a type or amount beyond that required by children and youth generally.
<b>DADS</b>	<b>Department of Aging and Disability Services</b> --Administers long-term services and supports for people who are aging and who have cognitive and physical disabilities.
<b>DARS</b>	<b>Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services</b> --Administers programs supporting people with disabilities and children with developmental delays.
<b>DFPS</b>	<b>Department of Family and Protective Services</b> --Administers programs protecting children and adults who are elderly or have disabilities and licenses group day-care homes, day-care centers, and registered family homes.
<b>DSHS</b>	<b>Department of State Health Services</b> --Administers programs to improve the physical and behavioral health of all Texans.
<b>EBP</b>	<b>Evidence-based programs and/or practices</b> --The integration of clinical expertise, patient values, and the best research evidence into the decision making process for patient care. Evidence-based programs incorporate evidence-based practice.
<b>EBT</b>	<b>Electronic Benefits Transfer</b> --EBT uses a smart card with an embedded microchip that contains WIC participants' benefits that clients can use to obtain food at a grocery store.
<b>ESC</b>	<b>Education Service Centers</b> --Centers within each TEA-defined geographic region of Texas. ESCs serve as liaisons between the school districts and TEA and provide technical assistance support to the districts.

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<b>ECI</b>	<p><b>Early Childhood Intervention Services (DARS)</b>                      --Provides comprehensive early intervention services to families with infants and toddlers who have developmental delays, have diagnosed physical or mental conditions with a high probability of developmental delay, or exhibit atypical development.</p>
<b>EHDI</b>	<p><b>Early Hearing Detection and Intervention</b>                      ---Refers to the practice of screening every newborn for hearing loss prior to hospital discharge. Infants not passing the screening receive diagnostic evaluation before three months of age and, when necessary, are enrolled in early intervention programs by six months of age. All 50 states and the District of Columbia have EHDI laws or voluntary compliance programs that screen hearing.</p>
<b>EHR</b>	<p><b>Electronic Health Record</b>                      --A systematic collection of electronic health information about an individual patient or population. It is a record in digital format that is theoretically capable of being shared across different health care settings.</p>
<b>EPHC</b>	<p><b>Expanded Primary Health Care</b>                      --Provides primary, preventive and screening services to women, age 18 and older, that are at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level and are unable to access the same care through other programs. These services are made available at participating clinic sites throughout the state and are intended to increase the number of women receiving primary and preventive care services; increase early detection of breast and cervical cancers; avert unintended Medicaid births; reduce the number of preterm births; and reduce the number of cases of potentially preventable hospitalizations related to hypertension and diabetes.</p>
<b>ESC</b>	<p><b>Education Service Center</b>                      --Provides professional development for teachers and education administrators in areas such as technology, bilingual education, special education, and programs reducing students' at-risk behaviors.</p>
<b>FASD</b>	<p><b>Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder</b>                      --A group of conditions that can occur in a person whose mother drank alcohol during pregnancy, expressed through a range of physical, behavioral, or learning problems.</p>
<b>FCFS</b>	<p><b>Family and Community Health Services (DSHS)</b>                      --This Division has three Sections: Specialized Health, Nutrition Services, and Community Health Service as well as the Office of Title V &amp; Family Health which administers the Title V Block Grant for Texas, and the Office of Program Decision Support, which includes the Title V subject matter experts and is responsible for the data analysis for Title V performance measures are also located within FCFS.</p>

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<b>F-IMR</b>	<b>Feto-Infant Mortality Rate</b> --The sum of fetal (product of conception before complete expulsion/extraction from its mother, particularly those 350 grams or more, or 20 weeks or more) deaths and infant (less than 1 year) deaths per 1,000 live births.
<b>FPP</b>	<b>Family-Professional Partnership</b> --The intentional practice of working with families for the ultimate goal of positive outcomes in all areas through the life course. Family engagement reflects a belief in the value of the family leadership at all levels from an individual, community and policy level.
<b>FQHC</b>	<b>Federally Qualified Health Centers</b> --Community-based, non-profit or public entity health care clinics charged with providing comprehensive primary health care services to individuals who are underserved, underinsured, and/or uninsured.
<b>FSCR</b>	<b>Family Support and Community Resource</b>
<b>FSS</b>	<b>Family Support Services</b> --Services provided by CSHCN SP such as home/vehicle modifications, caregiver training, and special equipment and supplies that help clients be more independent and able to take part in family and community activities.
<b>Got Transition?</b>	<b>Got Transition?</b> --A national resource for health care information focusing on a young adult's transition from pediatric to adult health care.
<b>GSEP</b>	<b>Graduate Student Epidemiology Program</b> --An internship program of the Health Resources and Service Administration Maternal and Child Health Bureau that promotes training in MCH epidemiology. The program provides technical assistance to states and localities while offering public health graduate students hands on training in data analysis and monitoring, needs assessment, and program evaluation.
<b>HBCU</b>	<b>Historically Black Colleges and Universities</b> --Institutions of higher education in the United States that were established before 1964 with the intention of serving the black community.
<b>HCCT</b>	<b>Healthy Child Care Texas Program</b> --Initiative run through the Texas Association for the Education of Youth Children and Texas HHSC dedicated to promoting optimal health, safety, nutrition, and development for children in out-of-home child care programs while training Child Care Health Consultants and Medical Consultants and offering other means of support.
<b>HHSC</b>	<b>Health and Human Services Commission</b> --Oversees the Texas health and human services system (including DSHS, DADS, DARS, and DFPS) and directly administers Medicaid and CHIP among other health and human services programs.

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<b>HHS</b>	<b>Health and Human Services System</b> --Texas health and human services system includes five agencies (HHSC, DSHS, DFPS, DARS, DADS) which operate under the oversight of the Health and Human Services Commission.
<b>HIB</b>	<b>Haemophilus Influenza</b>
<b>HIV/AIDS</b>	<b>Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome</b> --A spectrum of conditions caused by HIV infection.
<b>HP2020</b>	<b>Healthy People 2020</b> --A CDC health promotion and disease prevention initiative providing science-based, 10-year national objectives for improving the health of all Americans. Texas uses these goals as comparative benchmarks for progress over time.
<b>HSCMU</b>	<b>Health Screening and Case Management Unit (in Specialized Health Services Section of FCHS)</b> --Administers federally mandated preventive health services, including dental care, for 0-21 year-olds on Medicaid and mandated screening programs, including vision/hearing and genetics, and case management services.
<b>HSR</b>	<b>Health Service Region</b> --Geographic designations for Texas health and human service delivery areas.
<b>HTB</b>	<b>Healthy Texas Babies Initiative</b> --The Healthy Texas Babies initiative was developed to help Texas communities decrease infant mortality using evidence-based interventions. It involves community members, healthcare providers, and insurance companies. A reduction in infant mortality will improve the health of Texas babies and mothers and has the potential to save millions of dollars in healthcare costs.
<b>HV</b>	<b>Home Visiting</b> --A method of supporting families, particularly as part of a comprehensive and coordinated system of services. These programs provide information and support during pregnancy and throughout a child's first years. Home visiting programs vary in goals and content of services. In general, they combine parenting and health care education, child abuse prevention, and early intervention and education services for young children and their families
<b>IBIS</b>	<b>Integrated Business Information System</b> --Integrated Business Information System is a web-based application that will be used by the Title V MCH FFS contractors for client eligibility determination and claims.

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<b>ICC</b>	<p><b>Interagency Coordinating Council for Building Healthy Families</b>                      --Facilitates communication and collaboration concerning policies for the prevention of and early intervention in child abuse and neglect among state agencies (HHSC, DSHS, DFPS, DADS, DARS, Texas Youth Commission, TEA, Texas Workforce Commission TWC, Office of the Attorney General, Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, and Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs) whose programs and services promote and foster healthy families.</p>
<b>IFPS</b>	<p><b>Texas WIC Infant Feeding Practices Survey</b>                      --A survey of breastfeeding beliefs, attitudes, and practices among women receiving WIC services conducted through DSHS' Infant Feeding Workgroup.</p>
<b>IFW</b>	<p><b>Infant Feeding Workgroup</b>                      --A workgroup comprised of staff from programs across DSHS which seeks to address barriers to breastfeeding within a comprehensive strategic action framework for the coordination, integration, and evaluation of DSHS messaging, programs, and policies related to breastfeeding support.</p>
<b>IMR</b>	<p><b>Infant Mortality Rate</b>                      --Infant (less than 1 year) deaths per 1,000 live births.</p>
<b>ImmTrac</b>	<p><b>Texas Immunization Registry</b>                      --a service offered by the Texas Department of State Health Services that safely consolidates and stores immunization information from multiple sources electronically in one centralized system.</p>
<b>IVP</b>	<p><b>Injury and Violence Prevention</b></p>
<b>LAR</b>	<p><b>Legislative Appropriations Request</b>                      --In Texas, each agency or institution prepares a budget request (LAR) that outlines their funding requirements and needs for the next two years.</p>
<b>LARC</b>	<p><b>Long Acting Reversible Contraception</b>                      --Methods of birth control that are effective for an extended period of time without requiring the patient to take further actions, but that are also reversible.</p>
<b>LBB</b>	<p><b>Legislative Budget Board</b>                      --A 10-member permanent joint committee of the legislature develops budget and policy recommendations for funding appropriations to all state agencies, and completes fiscal analyses for proposed legislation.</p>
<b>LCLG</b>	<p><b>Local Community Leadership Groups</b>                      --A THAI term from the previous funding cycle referring to a community workgroup brought together by grantees to recommend community activities</p>
<b>LGBT</b>	<p><b>Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender</b>                      --A term used to refer collectively to a diverse group of people who are experiencing dissonance between their perceived gender and that assigned at birth as well as those who are not exclusively heterosexual.</p>

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<b>LHD</b>	<b>Local Health Department</b> --A local government agency overseeing the public health of a community, at the city or county level. There are 161 local health departments in Texas, spread over eight health service regions.
<b>LEAH</b>	<b>Leadership and Education in Adolescent Health Program</b> --LEAH works through grants to states to improve the health and well-being of adolescents through education, research, program and service model development, evaluation, and dissemination of best practices.
<b>LOC</b>	<b>Level of Care</b> --Refers to regionalized systems of perinatal care (perinatal regionalization). Perinatal regionalization ensures there are hospitals that can provide a full range of services for pregnant women and their babies in a geographic region. This means parents-to-be can be sure there are hospitals near where they live that can provide everything from a basic, uncomplicated delivery to those that can serve mothers and babies with the most complex, critical problems. With perinatal regionalization, each hospital receives a designation indicating the level of care they can provide.
<b>LSCS</b>	<b>Lactation Support Center Services</b>
<b>LSCS-SEP</b>	<b>Lactation Support Center Services - Strategic Expansion Program</b> --A program funded by OTVFH to provide expanded services through the WIC LSCs including provision of lactation education, counseling and referral services to non-WIC participants; enabling services to expand access to lactation support services; expanded community outreach and capacity building services; and expanded training and education services for the health care workforce.
<b>MCH</b>	<b>Maternal and Child Health</b>
<b>MCHB</b>	<b>Maternal and Child Health Bureau</b>
<b>MEDCARES</b>	<b>Medical Child Abuse Resources and Education Services</b> --DSHS grant program to help hospitals, academic health centers, and health care facilities develop and support regional initiatives to improve the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of child abuse and neglect.
<b>MFW</b>	<b>Mother Friendly Worksite</b> --Worksite that proactively supports employees who choose to breastfeed their infants through providing private space, flexible scheduling for break time, and other basic support so that mothers may express and store breastmilk for their babies.
<b>MIECHV</b>	<b>Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIEC Home Visiting)</b> --A program that facilitates collaboration and partnership at the federal, state, and community levels to improve health and development outcomes for at-risk children through evidence-based home visiting programs.
<b>MIS</b>	<b>Management Information System</b> --Refers to the TEHDI web-based Management Information System

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<b>MHSA</b>	<b>Mental Health and Substance Abuse Division (DSHS)</b> --Has three sections that administer community health and substance abuse programs, state hospital operations, and community mental health and substance abuse contracts.
<b>MHWG</b>	<b>Medical Home Workgroup</b> --Workgroup comprised of family members of CYSHCN, representatives from community organizations, state agencies and family advocacy organizations, community physicians, and other health care providers, strives to enhance the development of Medical Homes within the primary care setting.
<b>MMMTF (M3TF)</b>	<b>Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task Force</b> --Multidisciplinary group facilitated by DSHS that studies and reviews cases of pregnancy-related deaths and trends in severe maternal morbidity; determines the feasibility of the task force studying cases of severe maternal morbidity; and makes recommendations to help reduce the incidence of pregnancy-related deaths and severe maternal morbidity in Texas.
<b>MMR</b>	<b>Measles, Mumps, Rubella</b>
<b>mPINC</b>	<b>Maternity Practices in Infant Nutrition and Care (mPINC) Survey</b> --A national survey administered by the CDC every two years to monitor and examine changes in practices over time at all hospitals and birth centers with registered maternity beds in the United States and Territories.
<b>MTP</b>	<b>Medical Transportation Program</b> --An HHSC program providing non-emergency medical transportation services to eligible Medicaid and CSHCN SP clients who do not have other means to access medically necessary services.
<b>MV</b>	<b>Motor Vehicle</b>
<b>NBS</b>	<b>Newborn Screening Program</b> --DSHS Program that comprises laboratory testing of 53 disorders using blood spots, point-of-care screening for two more disorders, and clinical care coordination for infants with out-of-range test results.
<b>NBSU</b>	<b>Newborn Screening Unit (in Specialized Health Services Section of FCHS)</b> --Oversees testing, follow-up, and case management resulting from screening all newborns in Texas for 28 inheritable and other disorders.
<b>NCRPCD</b>	<b>National Center for the Review and Prevention of Child Death</b> --A resource center that promotes, supports and enhances child death review methodology and activities at the state, community and national levels, funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau.
<b>NCQA</b>	<b>National Committee for Quality Assurance</b> --A private, 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving health care quality. NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home standards describe clear and specific criteria, for patient care.

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<b>NICU</b>	<b>Neonatal Intensive Care Unit</b> --A hospital intensive care unit that cares for ill or premature newborns.
<b>NIS</b>	<b>National Immunization Survey</b> --Telephone (household) and mailed (provider) survey on childhood immunization coverage administered by CDC/NCIRD and CDC/NCHS.
<b>NS-CSHCN</b>	<b>National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs</b> --This survey, sponsored by HRSA's MCHB and carried out by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics, provides detailed information on the prevalence of CSHCN in the Nation and in each State, the demographic characteristics of these children, the types of health and support services they and their families need, and their access to and satisfaction with the care they receive.
<b>NSDUH</b>	<b>National Survey on Drug Use and Health</b> --An annual survey of the United States population that is at least 12 years of age. The survey gathers information on behavioral health issues including drug use and mental illness, as well as use (and non-use) of clinical treatments for these issues.
<b>NTI</b>	<b>National Training Institute</b> --A federally funded national center at University of North Carolina School of Public Health to teach instructors of health professionals how to provide health consultation in early education and child care.
<b>OHP</b>	<b>Oral Health Program</b> --DSHS program that provides preventive dental health education and services.
<b>OMH</b>	<b>Office of Minority Health</b> --A federally run agency dedicated to improving the health of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of health policies and programs that will help eliminate health disparities.
<b>OPCCY</b>	<b>Office of Program Coordination for Children and Youth (HHSC)</b> --Assists in coordinating programs and initiatives that serve children and youth across health and human service systems (i.e., CRCGs, TIFI, early childhood coordination, children's mental health, children's long term care).
<b>OPDS</b>	<b>Office of Program Decision Support (in FCHS)</b> --Provides support in the areas of research design, program evaluation, data analysis, and MCH subject matter experts.
<b>OPE</b>	<b>Texas Health Steps Online Provider Education</b> --The official continuing education website for the DSHS Texas Health Steps program. OPE offers free CE courses for primary care providers and other health professionals, such as clinical, regulatory, and best practice guidelines for a range of preventive health, oral health, mental health, case management, and ethics topics.

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<b>OPMG</b>	<b>Obesity Prevention Mini Grant</b> --State WIC-funded grants that local WIC agencies may apply for each year to help fund obesity prevention activities in the community (e.g. walking groups, community gardens, cooking demonstrations).
<b>OSAR</b>	<b>Outreach, Screening, Assessment and Referral Programs</b> --DSHS/MHSA programs that provide substance use disorder outreach services to locate those that may be in need of substance use disorder treatment services. OSARs provide screening and assessment, and if indicated, referral services to substance use disorder treatment providers.
<b>OTVFH</b>	<b>Office of Title V &amp; Family Health (in FCHS)</b> --Provides oversight and administration of Title V-funded activities, the Community Health Worker Certification and Training Program, and the Texas Primary Care Office.
<b>PAC</b>	<b>Perinatal Advisory Council</b> --A council that develops and recommends criteria for designating levels of neonatal and maternal care; makes recommendations for dividing the state into neonatal and maternal care regions; examines utilization trends in neonatal and maternal care; and recommends ways to improve neonatal and maternal outcomes. Its recommendations are reported to Texas HHSC and DSHS.
<b>PC</b>	<b>WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor</b> --A mother who has participated in the WIC program, successfully breastfed an infant, and completed a 20-hour breastfeeding education, counseling and support training to help women initiate and continue breastfeeding. PCs are familiar with the resources available to WIC clients and questions new breastfeeding moms may ask, and recognize when to refer mothers to other resources during critical periods.
<b>PCP</b>	<b>Primary care provider</b> --A health care professional who helps in identifying or preventing or treating illness or disability.
<b>PDSA</b>	<b>Plan-Do-Study-Act</b> --An iterative four-step management method used for the control and continuous improvement of processes.
<b>PEI</b>	<b>Prevention and Early Intervention Program</b> --A division of DFPS that contracts with community-based programs and agencies to provide a variety of services that help prevent abuse, neglect, delinquency, and truancy of Texas children. These include community meetings, community-based child abuse prevention, community-based family services, community youth development, services to at-risk youth, Texas Families Together and Safe, Texas youth and runaway hotline, special initiatives, Project HOPES (healthy outcomes through prevention and early support), and Project HIP (help through intervention and prevention).

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<b>PHSU</b>	<b>Purchased Health Services Unit (in Specialized Health Services Section of FCHS)</b> --Administers health care benefits and services under the CSHCN Services Program, provides medical expertise and consultation to providers of services for CYSHCN, administers adult client services programs for persons with end stage renal disease and oversees eligibility determination, enrollment services, third party billing, and provider reimbursement.
<b>PMU</b>	<b>Performance Management Unit (in CHS of FCHS)</b> --Develops and manages contracts for all CHS programs, including those that are Title V-funded. See CHS for listing of programs.
<b>POR</b>	<b>Period of Risk</b> --One of four categories of fetio-infant mortality based on birth weight and age at time of death. Each POR has different risk factors, underlying causes of death, and corresponding specific intervention points. The categories include Maternal Health/Prematurity, Maternal Care, Newborn Care, and Infant Health.
<b>PPC</b>	<b>Period of Purple Crying</b> --Phrase used to describe the phase of an infant's life (2 week to 3-4 months of age) often described as colic. PURPLE stands for: Peak of crying, Unexpected, Resists soothing, Pain-like face, Long-lasting, and Evening.
<b>PPCU</b>	<b>Preventive and Primary Care Unit (in CHS of FCHS)</b> --Develops and implements operational policy and procedures and for providing technical assistance to contractors for the following Title V-funded programs: family planning, prenatal, child health and dental, and dysplasia.
<b>PPE</b>	<b>Preconception Peer Educator</b> --Peer education program to equip students at Historically Black Colleges and Universities with targeted health messages that they can spread throughout their campuses and communities, sponsored by the US Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health.
<b>PPOR</b>	<b>Perinatal Periods of Risk Analytic Approach</b> --An analytic approach which allows a community to look at the root causes of infant mortality among their population. Fetal and infant deaths are partitioned into four categories (POR), potentially preventable (excess) deaths are calculated compared to a national reference group representing a population with the lowest risk of poor birth outcomes, and steps are indicated for investigating and addressing the specific local causes of high fetal and infant mortality rates and disparities.
<b>PRAMS</b>	<b>Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System</b> --Joint Texas and CDC surveillance project that monitors maternal attitudes and behaviors before, during and after pregnancy.

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<b>PYD</b>	<b>Positive Youth Development</b> --A strategy that helps youth acquire the assets they need to become healthy and productive adults by promoting connectedness, resiliency, and leadership.
<b>QI</b>	<b>Quality Improvement</b> --Systematic and continuous actions that lead to measurable improvement in health care services and the health status of targeted patient groups.
<b>RCSA</b>	<b>Respite Care of San Antonio</b>
<b>RD</b>	<b>Registered Dietitian</b> --A professional trained in foods and the management of diets, credentialed by the American Dietetic Association.
<b>RFP</b>	<b>Request for Proposals</b> --a solicitation, often made through a bidding process, by an agency or company interested in procurement of a commodity, service or valuable asset.
<b>RPE</b>	<b>Rape Prevention and Education Grant</b> --A DSHS-led CDC grant, in partnership with Texas Office of the Attorney General, focusing on prevention of sexual assault and/or violence.
<b>RUSP</b>	<b>Recommended Uniform Screening Panel</b> --Refers to secondary conditions of the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel. Every baby born in Texas gets two newborn screening blood tests that check for a number of rare disorders. As of May 2015, DSHS began reporting results for 24 secondary conditions in addition to the core conditions. Secondary conditions are believed to be clinically significant, but some may have an unclear natural history or lack appropriate medical therapy that affects long-term outcome. They are detected during screening for core conditions. Some secondary conditions may be as severe and life threatening as core conditions.
<b>SAMHSA</b>	<b>The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration</b> --The agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that leads public health efforts to advance the behavioral health of the nation. SAMHSA's mission is to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities.
<b>SBHC</b>	<b>School Based Health Center</b> --A program that provides access to health care services to school-age children delivering primary and preventive health services and related social services on a school campus.
<b>SCFRT</b>	<b>State Child Fatality Review Team</b> --Multidisciplinary group comprised of members throughout Texas, which works to reduce the number of preventable child deaths. It synthesizes child death epidemiology, identifies procedures to reduce preventable child deaths, promotes public awareness and makes recommendations to the governor and the legislature.

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<b>SHS</b>	<p><b>Specialized Health Services Section (in FCHS)</b>                      --Consists of three Units: the Purchased Health Services Unit (PHSU), the Health Screening and Case Management Unit (HSCMU), and the Newborn Screening Unit (NBSU).</p>
<b>SIDS</b>	<p><b>Sudden Infant Death Syndrome</b>                      --The sudden death of an infant younger than 1 year of age that cannot be explained even after a full investigation that includes a complete autopsy, examination of the death scene, and review of the clinical history. One of the leading causes of post-neonatal infant death.</p>
<b>SP</b>	<p><b>Suicide Prevention</b>                      --Multidisciplinary interventions and programs to reduce the incidence of suicide across all populations.</p>
<b>SPAN</b>	<p><b>School Physical Activity and Nutrition Survey</b>                      --A periodic school survey to monitor the trends in body mass index of school-age children in the 4th, 8th, and 11th grades within ethnic, gender, and geographic subpopulations using a statewide surveillance system.</p>
<b>SPN</b>	<p><b>State Priority Need</b>                      --The issues identified in the Texas state needs assessment. These are the problems that were prioritized for action in Texas and are the basis for the selection of the State Performance Measures.</p>
<b>SSC</b>	<p><b>Suicide Safer Care</b>                      --An initiative to improve identification of, and treatment and support services for, high-risk youth by expanding and coordinating best-practice suicide prevention activities with youth-serving organizations and community partners</p>
<b>SSDI</b>	<p><b>State Systems Development Initiative</b>                      --HRSA/MCHB grant to states to assist State MCH and CSHCN programs in the building of State and community infrastructure that results in comprehensive, community-based systems of care for all children and their families through data integration (i.e., Title V, WIC, Breast and Cervical Cancer Services, and other MCH-related programs).</p>
<b>SSI</b>	<p><b>Supplemental Security Income</b>                      --Government program administered by the Social Security Administration that provides stipends to low-income persons who are either aged (65 or older), blind, or disabled.</p>
<b>SSMIW</b>	<p><b>Safe Sleep Messaging Interagency Workgroup</b>                      --A workgroup coordinated by OTVFH as an activity of the DFPS/DSHS Strategic Plan. The SSMIW includes members from multiple HHS-Enterprise programs concerned with maternal and infant health. The workgroup works to assess existing messages and to develop consistent, coordinated, complementary messaging standards and strategies to increase public awareness of recommended safe sleep behaviors.</p>

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<b>SSN</b>	<b>Someday Starts Now</b> --The public awareness campaign of Healthy Texas Babies. It includes a bilingual website (English and Spanish) with tools and resources for men and women of childbearing age and providers, as well as DSHS publications and materials, multimedia tools, and a media outreach toolkit.
<b>STARMHAC</b>	<b>Statewide Association for Regional Medical Home Advancement</b> --A HRSA-funded project to build a statewide infrastructure for maternal and child health in the six critical systems outcomes.
<b>State Project LAUNCH Expansion</b>	<b>State Project for Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health (Expansion Grant)</b> --A Texas expansion grant intended to improve early childhood systems, strengthen parenting competencies, and improve children's developmental and behavioral outcomes in communities.
<b>STD</b>	<b>Sexually Transmitted Disease</b>
<b>STI</b>	<b>Sexually Transmitted Infection</b>
<b>SUID</b>	<b>Sudden Unexpected Infant Death</b> --The death of an infant younger than 1 year of age that occurs suddenly and unexpectedly. After a full investigation, these deaths may be diagnosed as suffocation, entrapment, infection, ingestion, metabolic diseases, cardiac arrhythmias, trauma, or SIDS.
<b>SUMA</b>	<b>SUMA Social Marketing, Inc.</b> --A DSHS Social Marketing/Research contractor.
<b>TAA</b>	<b>Texas Academy of Audiology</b> --A nonprofit serving audiologists and individuals with auditory and balance disorders by promoting excellence, ethics, and education.
<b>TAPED</b>	<b>Texas Association of Parents and Educators for the Deaf</b> --An organization facilitating the collaboration of families, educators, and communities to ensure excellence, equality, and success for students who are deaf or hard of hearing.
<b>TBLC</b>	<b>Texas Breastfeeding Learning Collaborative</b> --A quality improvement initiative housed in the Texas Ten Step Start Achiever Program that provides an environment for rapid cycle Plan-Do-Study-Act testing and the robust exchange of ideas with the support of world-class perinatal and quality improvement experts.
<b>TCDD</b>	<b>Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities</b> --One of 56 state councils on developmental disabilities in the USA and its territories. The Council works to ensure that people with disabilities have services and supports needed for full participation in community life.
<b>TCHMB</b>	<b>Texas Collaborative for Healthy Mothers and Babies</b> --A group of leading experts from public health, human services, academic, medical and nursing disciplines, health plans, non-profit organizations, hospitals, and others engaged in the reduction of preterm birth, infant mortality, and maternal mortality/morbidity in Texas, organized into Obstetrics, Neonatal, and Community Workgroups.

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<b>TEA</b>	<b>Texas Education Agency</b> --State agency that provides leadership, guidance, and resources to help Texas schools meet the educational needs of all students.
<b>TEHDI</b>	<b>Texas Early Hearing Detection and Intervention</b> --A DSHS program that works to identify hearing loss and provide intervention services as early as possible in an effort to prevent communication, cognitive skill, and other developmental delays so that newborns, infants, and children reach their maximum potential.
<b>Text4baby</b>	<b>Text4baby</b> --A free mobile information service designed to promote maternal and child health. An educational program of the National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition (HMHB), text4baby provides pregnant women and new moms with information to help them care for their health and give their babies the best possible start in life.
<b>TFCSN</b>	<b>Task Force for Children with Special Needs</b> --An interagency task force established to improve the coordination, quality and efficiency of services for children with special needs.
<b>THA</b>	<b>Texas Hospital Association</b> --An organization that advocates on behalf of Texas Hospitals.
<b>THAI</b>	<b>Texas Healthy Adolescent Initiative</b> --An OTVFNH-funded initiative focused on 1) PYD strategies with 2) EBP supported by 3) a Youth Adult Council that is 4) independently evaluated
<b>THCIC</b>	<b>Texas Healthcare Information Collection</b> --A program that collects data and reports on health care activity in hospitals and health maintenance organizations operating in Texas.
<b>THSteps</b>	<b>Texas Health Steps</b> --The name adopted in Texas for the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) federal Medicaid program for children.
<b>TISWG</b>	<b>Texas Immunization Stakeholder Working Group</b> --Work group to increase partnerships across the state to raise vaccine coverage levels and improve immunization practices for all Texans.
<b>TISS</b>	<b>Texas Infant Sleep Study</b> --The Texas Infant Sleep Study (TISS) is a population-based sample survey that was administered by DSHS in 2009 and was representative of mothers of infants 2 through 11 months of age who were born in Texas between September 1, 2008-March 31, 2009. It was developed to provide baseline data on infant sleep practices, including sleep position, sleep surface, and bed-sharing.
<b>TMA</b>	<b>Texas Medical Association</b> --Serves the people of Texas in matters of medical care, prevention and cure of disease, and the improvement of public health.

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<b>TPS</b>	<p><b>Texas Pediatric Society</b>                      --The Texas Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, a state professional nonprofit organization of 3,039 Texas pediatricians and 128 medical students.</p>
<b>TRC</b>	<p><b>Texas Respite Coalition</b>                      --The Texas Respite Coalition is a partner with DADS in its goal to enhance and expand the coordination and availability of respite services in Texas.</p>
<b>TSSSU</b>	<p><b>Texas School Survey of Substance Use</b>                      --A DSHS-funded, two-part survey of self-reported tobacco, alcohol, inhalant, and substance use. The TSSSU is administered to local school districts each year and statewide every two years by the Public Policy Research Institute (PPRI) at Texas A&amp;M University.</p>
<b>TTPC</b>	<p><b>Texas Tobacco Prevention and Control Program</b>                      --A DSHS program that provides technical assistance, information, educational media campaigns, and referrals for tobacco use prevention and cessation. The program also employs regional/local tobacco control coordinators, certifies Texas Youth Tobacco Awareness program instructors, and oversees the Texas Tobacco Prevention and Control coalition program.</p>
<b>TTSSA</b>	<p><b>Texas Ten Step Star Achiever Program</b>                      --A quality improvement initiative through Texas WIC and DSHS to help Texas hospitals create environments in which women’s choices concerning breastfeeding can best be supported.</p>
<b>TTS</b>	<p><b>Texas Ten Step</b>                      --A program developed by DSHS and the Texas Hospital Association to improve maternity care practices in birthing facilities, including key initiatives related to policy development, education of staff, and provision of discharge resources for breastfeeding mothers. Its goal is to increase exclusive breastfeeding in the immediate postpartum period and continuing through six months of age.</p>
<b>TXBC</b>	<p><b>Texas Breastfeeding Coalition</b>                      --A group dedicated to improving the health of Texans by working collaboratively to improve breastfeeding rates; ensure that all state/local laws/policies protect breastfeeding; protect and promote a public environment supportive and accepting of breastfeeding; build, link, and ensure access to state/local resources; and foster communication and build a strong networking system among stakeholders.</p>
<b>TxDOT</b>	<p><b>Texas Department of Transportation</b>                      --A state agency that administers construction and maintenance of Texas’ highway, aviation, rail, and public transportation systems, and coordinates traffic safety and driving laws.</p>

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<b>TxP2P</b>	<b>Texas Parent to Parent</b> --Nonprofit organization created by parents for families of children with disabilities, chronic illness, and other special needs throughout the state of Texas.
<b>TTVTW</b>	<b>Texas Title V Transition Workgroup</b> --A workgroup comprised of family members and providers of CYSHCN to promote a collaborative approach to the provision of transition services for youth in Texas with disabilities and special health care needs and their families.
<b>TWHP</b>	<b>Texas Women's Health Program</b> --Provides low-income women with family planning exams, treatment of certain sexually transmitted diseases, health screenings, and contraception
<b>USBC</b>	<b>United States Breastfeeding Committee</b> --An independent nonprofit coalition of over 50 nationally influential professional, educational, and governmental organizations that share a common mission to drive collaborative efforts for policy and practices that create a landscape of breastfeeding support across the United States.
<b>UT</b>	<b>University of Texas</b>
<b>VHS</b>	<b>Vision, Hearing, and Spinal Screening Program</b>
<b>VLBW</b>	<b>Very Low Birth Weight</b> --Babies that are born less than 1,500 grams, and are more than 100 times more likely to die in the first year of life than infants of normal birth weight.
<b>WCBA</b>	<b>Women of Child-bearing Age</b> --For the purposes of this report, all women between 18 and 44 years of age, regardless of reproductive status.
<b>WIC</b>	<b>Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (in FCHS)</b> --Provides nutrition education, food supplements, and referrals for health and social services for pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants, and children under age five who are at nutritional risk.

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<b>WIC LSCs</b>	<p><b>WIC Lactation Support Centers</b>            --Centers that include Mom’s Place in Austin, The Lactation Foundation in Houston, the Lactation Care Center in Dallas, and the Lactation Care Center of the Rio Grande Valley-McAllen. All four Centers provide lactation support and resources for WIC families and health care professionals, manage the Statewide Lactation Support Hot Line (1-855-550-6667), and serve as training centers for WIC staff and health professionals who have completed the DSHS trainings to become a Trained Breastfeeding Educator. Each center staffs at least one full-time Registered Nurse, International Board Certified Lactation Consultant(s), and WIC peer counselors. Lactation specialists are available for breastfeeding-related issues ranging from basic information to advanced lactation management.</p>
<b>YRBSS</b>	<p><b>Texas Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System</b>            --A federally-funded classroom based paper survey conducted to track health-risk behaviors and social problems among youth (age 12-18).</p>
<b>ZEST</b>	<p><b>ZERO Suicide Texas</b>            --A SAMHSA grant focused on creating Suicide Safer Care Centers to eliminate suicide</p>

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