

Our dictionary

These is the preferred language of Northamptonshire Children's Trust endorsed by the Children in Care Council.



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If in any doubt, please ask the individual child / young person you are working with what language they would prefer you to use.

What is often said	What we prefer you to say
Abscond	Go missing
Advocate	Your voice worker
Asylum Seeker	Young person
Birth / Biological Parents	Ask us what we would prefer
Care Leaver	Depends what the child wants either care experienced or care leaver
Care Plan	Care Plan/My Plan
Challenging behaviour	Describe the behaviour or struggle
Chronology	My life
CIC / LAC	My name (We don't lack anything and we don't like to be kicked)
Contact	Family time or visits or names of the people you are having contact with
Contact Centre	Place where you're going for family time
Designated Teacher	Person's / teachers name
Difficult to place	Nothing - shouldn't be used
Drop out	Nothing - shouldn't be used

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Foster Carers	Ask us what we want to call them
Full potential	Do the best you can
Genogram	My family tree
High aspirations	Future wish, future goals or future plan
In care	Ask us what we want, maybe - Another home, away from home
Identity	Gender, race, heritage written in detail description the identity element
Isolation	Depends on the context - maybe consider time to reflect, or time out
LAC / CIC Review	Child's name review/My review
LAC / CIC Statutory visit	Child's name visit
LAC / CIC Foster child	Name the child
Leaving Care	After I turn 18 years/Moving up
Moving placements	Moving to a new house
NEET	Say not in school or training or work, do not use acronym
PA	Personal Advisor, do not use acronym

What is often said	What we prefer you to say
Pathway Plan	My plan or young person's name 16+ plan
Peers	Friends
Permanence	My long term home or future home
PEP	Child's name Personal Education Plan
Placement	My new home or home
Respite Care	A stay with another family
Restrained	Held to stay safe
Reunification	Going back to live with my family
Revoke an order	Ending (an order)
Siblings	Brothers and sisters
Sick	Unwell
Social Worker	My social worker
Special Needs	Describe the needs in detail
Staff, support, unit manager	Use their name and job title
Therapy	Yes or counselling
Transition	Preparing for the future



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