

Foster Anonymous uses the acronym F.A. for practical reasons related to anonymity, simplicity, tradition, and universal recognition. It has become an integral part of our organization's identity and branding. The abbreviation represents the whole of the Foster Anonymous 12-Step program.



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Foster Anonymous uses the acronym “F.A.” as a shorthand for our organization’s name. F.A. is a 12-Step program designed through a network of the foster community, young and old, reaching out to each other all around the world sharing their experience, strength and hope. Our logo contains the F.A. abbreviation with a circle around it to represent the fellowship and connection that our members have. We like to refer to our program as F.A. because it is a way for our members to refer to it to help them maintain their anonymity. Similar to other 12-Step programs, we use the shortened version of the name to say, “I’m going to an F.A. meeting.” .

We use the acronym F.A. to simplify our name, improve recognition, and facilitate communication. Using F.A. has several benefits:

- **Anonymity**: Anonymity is a fundamental principle of F.A. By using an acronym, members can protect their anonymity more easily when discussing their participation in the program. The use of initials allows members to maintain privacy while attending meetings or discussing their affiliation with others.
- **Simplicity**: Foster Anonymous is a relatively long name, and using an acronym simplifies communication and identification. A shorter name is easier to remember, say, and write. Our website uses the shortened version in our URL [www.faservices.org](http://www.faservices.org).

- **Tradition**: Over time, the acronym F.A. will become widely recognized and associated with building a family of fosters who support each other. Other 12-Steps programs such as A.A., OA, NA, C.A., and GA have a historical and traditional aspect. All of which have become widely recognized around the world and associated with 12-Step recovery programs.
- **Universality**: The acronym F.A. can be understood in many languages and cultures, making it easier for people worldwide to identify the organization and its purpose.

