



# ALTERNATIVE TERMINOLOGY

IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

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This table highlights the significance of employing child-friendly terminology when referring to Children in Conflict with Law (CCL). It serves as a resource for legal professionals within the juvenile justice system to distinguish between terminology used in the criminal justice system versus that of the juvenile justice system. This table presents an indicative list of frequently used terms alongside their child-friendly alternatives.

	<b>CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM</b>	<b>JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Accused</b>	<b>Child alleged to be in conflict with law</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Convict</b>	<b>Child in Conflict with the Law</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Police</b>	<b>Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) Child Welfare Police Officer (CWPO)</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Arrest</b>	<b>Apprehension</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Interrogation</b>	<b>Interview</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Judicial custody</b>	<b>Protective custody</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Court</b>	<b>Board / Children's Court</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Chargesheet / Final Report</b>	<b>Police investigation report / Final Report</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Framing of charges</b>	<b>Framing of notice</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Trial</b>	<b>Inquiry</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Convicted</b>	<b>Committed</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Prison/Jail/Lockup</b>	<b>Place of safety/Observation Home/Special Home</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Sentence</b>	<b>Disposition</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Order on sentence</b>	<b>Dispositional order</b>