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A Guide to
Disability
Related
Acronyms



A

AAA – Area Agency on Aging

AAC – Augmentative Alternative Communication

AAE – Adaptive & Assistive Equipment

AAI – Acuity Assessment Instrument

AAIDD – American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

AAPD – American Association of People with Disabilities

AARP – American Association for Retired Persons

ABA – Applied Behavior Analysis

ABD – Aged, Blind and Disabled

ABLE Act– Achieving a Better Life Experience

ACA – Affordable Care Act

ACB – American Council of the Blind

ACBO – American Council of the Blind of Ohio

ACIL – Access Center for Independent Living

ACT – The Ability Center of Greater Toledo

ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act or American Diabetes Association

ADAAG – Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines

ADAPT – Americans Disabled for Attendant Programs Today

ADC – Aid to Dependent Children

ADD – Attention Deficit Disorder (sometimes called ADHD)

ADHD – Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (sometimes called ADD)

ADL – Activities of Daily Living

AFB – American Foundation for the Blind

A

AFDC – Aid to Families with Dependent Children

AFP – Alliance for Full Participation

AG– Attorney General

AHEAD – Association on Higher Education and Disability

AIDD – Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

AIDS – Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

ALS– Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's Disease)

AMA – American Medical Association

AMI – Alliance for the Mentally Ill (national)

AMIOHIO – Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Ohio

ANI – Autism Network International

APE – Adaptive Physical Education

APHA – American Public Health Association

APS – Adult Protective Services

APSE – Association for Persons in Supported Employment (national)

APSI – Advocacy and Protective Services Inc.

The Arc of Ohio – Advocating for the Rights of Citizens with Intellectual and other Developmental Disabilities.

ASA – Autism Society of America

ASD– Autism Spectrum Disorder

ASL – American Sign Language

ASLHA – American Speech – Language Hearing Association

AT – Assistive Technology

AU – Advocacy United

AUCD – Association of University Centers on Disabilities

B

- BCII** – Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation.
- BCMh** – Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps (at ODH)
- BDD** – Bureau of Disability Determination (at OOD)
- BH** – Behavioral Health
- BI** – Brain Injury
- BIAO** – Brain Injury Association of Ohio
- BLN** – Business Leadership Network
- BLTCSS** – Ohio Medicaid Bureau of Long Term Care Services and Supports.
- BSVI** – Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired (at OOD)
- BSW** – Bachelor of Social Work
- BVR** – Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation (at OOD)
- BWC** – Bureau of Workers Compensation (state)

C

- CAP** – Client Assistance Program
- CARF** – Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities
- CBDD** – County Board of Developmental Disabilities
- CCD** – Consortium on Citizens with Disabilities
- CCOE** – Coordinating Center of Excellence
- CDC** – Centers for Disease Control or Childhood Development Center
- CDE** – Center for Disability Empowerment
- CDF** – Children’s Defense Fund
- CDJFS** – County Department of Job and Family Services
- CEC** – Council for Exceptional Children

C

- CEU** – Continuing Education Unit
- CFR** – Code of Federal Regulations
- CHADD** – Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
- CHAS** – Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy for Ohio
- CHIP/SCHIP** – Children’s Health Insurance Program/State Children’s Health Insurance Program (also known as Healthy Start)
- CILO** – Center for independent Living Options
- CMHC** – Community Mental Health Center
- CMHS** – Center for Mental Health Services
- CMI** – Chronically Mentally Ill
- CMS** – Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
- CMT** – Community Management Team
- COEDI** – Children’s Ohio Eligibility Determination Instrument
- COFEAT** – Central Ohio Families for Early Autism Treatment
- COG** – Council of Governments
- COHHIO** – Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio
- COLA** – Cost of Living Adjustment
- COOL** – Council of Ohio Leaders (part of OSDA, oversees Project STIR)
- CP** – Cerebral Palsy
- CPR** – Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
- CPT** – Cost projection tool
- CSAT** – Center for Substance Abuse Treatment

D

- DAS** – Department of Administrative Services (Ohio)
- DAV** – Disabled American Veterans
- DC** – Developmental Center
- DD** – Developmental Disabilities
- DDC** – Developmental Disabilities Council
- DDP** – Developmental Disabilities Profile
- DME** – Durable Medical Equipment
- DNR** – Do Not Resuscitate
- DODD** – Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities
- DOE** – Department of Education
- DOJ** – Department of Justice
- DOL** – Department of Labor
- DOS** – Date of Service
- DPOA** – Durable Power of Attorney
- DREDF** – Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund
- DRO** – Disability Rights Ohio (formerly OLRS)
- Ds** – Down syndrome
- DSC** – Deaf Services Center
- Dx** – Diagnosis
- DYS** – Department of Youth Services

E

- EBPs** – Evidence-Based Practices
- EC** – Early Childhood
- EC-CAS** – Early Childhood Comprehensive Assessment System
- ECE** – Early Childhood Education
- ECMH** – Early Childhood Mental Health
- EDGAR** – Education Department General Administrative Regulations (national)
- EEOC** – Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

E

EI – Early Intervention

ENT – Ear, Nose and Throat

EOB – Explanation of Benefits

EPSDT – Early Periodic Screening
Diagnosis and Treatment Program

ESC – Education Service Center

ESL – English as a Second Language

ESY – Extended School Year

EVV – Electronic Visit Verification

F

FAPE – Free Appropriate Public Education

FAS – Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

FC – Facilitated Communication

FCFC – Family & Children First Council

FCSS – Family Centered Services and
Supports

FERPA – Family Educational Rights to
Privacy Act

FIN – Family Information Network (Ohio)

FFP – Federal Financial Participation.

FFS – Fee for Services

FFY – Federal Fiscal Year

FHA – Fair Housing Act

FMLA – Family Medical Leave Act

FPL – Federal Poverty Level

FPS – Family Planning Services

FRS – Family Resource Services

FSS – Family Support Services

FTA – Federal Transit Authority

FY – Fiscal Year

G

GAL – Guardian Ad Litem

GCPD – Governor’s Council on People with
Disabilities

GLARRC – Great Lakes Area Regional
Resource Center for Deafblind Education

G

GPRA – Government Performance and Results Act

GRF – General Revenue Fund

H

HCBS – Home and Community Based Services

HHA – Home Health Agency

HHS – Health and Human Services (federal)

HI – Hearing Impaired

HIPAA – Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

HIV – Human Immunodeficiency Virus

HLAH – Hearing Loss Association of America (formerly SHHHP)

HME – Home Medical Equipment

HMG – Help Me Grow

HMO – Health Maintenance Organization

HOH – Hard of Hearing

HUD – Housing and Urban Development (federal)

Hx – History

I

IBMFE – Intervention Based Multi-Factored Evaluation

ICF – Intermediate Care Facility

ICF-IDD – Intermediate Care Facility – Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities

ICP – Individualized Career Plan

ICTA – International Commission on Technology & Accessibility

ICU – Intensive Care Unit

IDEA – Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (formerly known as P.L. 94–142 or Education for the Handicapped Act [EHA])

IDP – Inter-Disciplinary Plan

I

IEE – Individualized Education Evaluation
IEP – Individualized Education Plan
IFA – Individualized Functional Assessment
IFSP – Individualized Family Service Plan
IHO – Impartial Hearing Officer
IHP – Individualized Habilitation Plan
IID – Individuals with Intellectual disabilities
IL – Independent Living
ILC – Independent Living Center
ILCNO – Independent Living Center of North Central Ohio
ILOC – Intermediate Level of Care
IO – Individual Options Waiver
IPE – Individualized Plan for Employment
IPP – Individualized Program Plan
IQ – Intelligence Quotient
I&R – Information and Referral
IRWE – Impairment Related Work Expense
ISP – Individualized Service Plan
ITP – Individualized Transition Plan
IWRP – Individualized Written Rehabilitation Plan

J

JAN – Job Accommodation Network
JCARR – Joint Committee on Administrative Rule Review
JTPA – Job Training Partnership Act

L

LD – Learning Disability (sometimes called SLD)
LDA – Learning Disabilities Association (national)
LEA – Local Education Agency
LEAP – Linking Employment Abilities and Potential

L

- LEND** – Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and other Disabilities
- LISW** – Licensed Independent Social Worker
- LOC** – Level of Care
- LPA** – Little People of America
- LRE** – Least Restrictive Environment
- LSC** – Legislative Services Commission
- LTC** – Long-Term Care
- LTCF** – Long-Term Care Facility
- LTCOP** – Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program
- LV1** – Level One Waiver

M

- MBI** – Medicaid Buy-In
- MBIWD** – Medicaid Buy-in for Workers with Disabilities
- MCHB** – Maternal and Child Health Bureau
- MCP** – Managed Care Plan
- MCS** – Multiple Chemical Sensitivity
- MD** – Muscular Dystrophy
- MDA** – Muscular Dystrophy Association
- MFE** – Multi-Factored Evaluation
- MH** – Mental Health or Multiply Handicapped
- MI** – Mentally Ill
- MIDD** – Co-occurring mental illness and developmental disabilities
- MOBILE** – Mid-Ohio Board for an Independent Living Environment
- MRI** – Magnetic Resonance Imaging
- MS** – Multiple Sclerosis
- MSA** – Medical Savings Account
- MUI** – Major Unusual Incident

N

- NAD** – National Association of the Deaf
- NACDD** – National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities
- NADD** – National Association for the Dually Diagnosed
- NAHA** – National Affordable Housing Act
- NAMI** – National Alliance for the Mentally Ill
- NASDSE** – National Association of State Directors of Special Education
- NCBDD** – National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (at CDC)
- NCD** – National Council on Disability
- NCLD-Youth** – National Consortium on Leadership and Disability for Youth
- NCPAD** – National Center on Physical Activity and Disability
- NDRN** – National Disability Rights Network
- NDSS** – National Down Syndrome Society
- NEA** – National Education Association
- NF** – Nursing Facility
- NFB** – National Federation of the Blind
- NICU** – Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
- NIDRR** – National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research
- NIH** – National Institutes of Health
- NMSS** – National Multiple Sclerosis Society
- NOD** – National Organization on Disability
- NOFA** – Notice of Funds Available
- NP** – Nurse Practitioner
- NPND** – National Parent Network on Disabilities
- NPO** – Nothing by Mouth



- O4A** – Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging
- OAAS** – Ohio Association of Adult Services
- OAC** – Ohio Administrative Code
- OACB** – Ohio Association of County Boards Serving People with Developmental Disabilities
- OBIA** – Ohio Brain Injury Association
- OBM** – Office of Budget and Management
- OBLN** – Ohio Business Leadership Network
- OBRA** – Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
- OCALI** – Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence
- OCECD** – Ohio Coalition for Education of Children with Disabilities
- OCR** – Office of Civil Rights
- OCRC** – Ohio Civil Rights Commission
- ODA** – Ohio Department of Aging
- ODDC** – Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council
- ODDP** – Ohio Developmental Disabilities Profile
- ODE** – Ohio Department of Education
- ODEA** – Ohio Disability Employment Alliance
- ODEP** – Office of Disability Employment Policy
- ODH** – Ohio Department of Health
- ODJFS** – Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
- ODM** – Ohio Department of Medicaid
- ODMHAS** – Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
- ODOT** – Ohio Department of Transportation



- ODYS** – Ohio Department of Youth Services
- OEC** – Office of Exceptional Children
- OEDI** – Ohio Eligibility Determination Instrument
- OIF** – Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation
- OHFA** – Ohio Housing Finance Agency
- Ohio F2F** – Ohio Family to Family Health Information Center
- ONET** – Ohio Network for Education Transformation
- OOD** – Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (formerly Rehabilitation Services Commission)
- OOTF** – Ohio Olmstead Task Force
- OPI** – Ohio Public Images, Inc.
- OPRA** – Ohio Provider Resource Association
- ORC** – Ohio Revised Code
- OSCBDD** – Ohio Superintendents of County Boards of Developmental Disabilities
- OSDA** – Ohio Self Determination Association
- OSEP** – Office of Special Education Programs
- OSERS** – Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services
- OSIB** – Ohio Special Initiatives by Brothers & Sisters
- OSILC** – Ohio Statewide Independent Living Council
- OSLA** – Ohio Supported Living Association
- OT** – Occupational Therapy
- OWF** – Ohio Works First

P

PA – Prior Authorization

P&A – Protection and Advocacy

PABSS – Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security

PADD – Protection and Advocacy for Developmental Disabilities

PAIMI – Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness

PAIR – Protection and Advocacy for Individual Rights

PAR – Professional Advocates Resources

PAS – Personal Assistant Services

PASARR – Pre-Admission Screen/Annual Resident Review

PASS – Plan for Achieving Self-Support

PASSPORT – Pre-Admission Screening System Providing Options & Resources Today

PBIS – Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports

PCA – Personal Care Attendant

PCI – Positive Culture Initiative

PCN – Primary Care Nurse

PCP – Person Centered Plan

PCP – Primary Care Provider

PCT – Person Centered Thinking

PD – Program Director

PDD – Pervasive Developmental Disorder

PDN – Private Duty Nursing

PIE – Preschool and Infant Evaluation Program

PKU – Phenylketonuria

PL – Public Law

PLAN – Planned Lifetime Assistance Network

P

POA – Power of Attorney
PPO – Preferred Provider Organization
PRN – Pro Re Nata (Latin for “as the situation demands”)
PSP – Positive Support Principles
PT – Physical Therapy
PTDS – Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
PPO – Preferred Provider Organization
PVA – Paralyzed Veterans of America
PWS – Prader Willi Syndrome

Q

QA – Quality Assurance
QIDP – Qualified Intellectual Disabilities Professional

R

RCS – Residential Care Supervisor
RESNA – Rehabilitation Engineering Society of North America
RFP – Request for Proposal
RN – Registered Nurse
ROM – Range of Motion
RSA – Rehabilitation Services Administration (U.S.)
RTC – Restoration to Competency
Rx – Prescription

S

SABE – Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered
SAMHSA – Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
SAT – Scholastic Aptitude Test
SBE or SBOE – State Board of Education
SBH – Severe Behavioral Handicap
SBHC – School-Based Healthcare Center
SB L-M – Stanford-Binet, Form L-M (language/memory)
SCI – Spinal Cord Injury

S

- SDE** – Self-Directed Employment
- SE** – Special Education
- SEA** – State Education Agency
- SEA** – Society for Equal Access
- Section 504** – Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- SED** – Seriously Emotionally Disturbed
- SELF** – Self Empowered Life Funding Waiver
- SELN** – State Employment Leadership Network
- SFL** – Substantial Functional Limitation
- SFY** – State Fiscal Year
- SGA** – Substantial Gainful Activity
- SIL** – Services for Independent Living
- SHRM** – Society for Human Resource Management
- SIB** – Self-Injurious Behavior
- SIB** – Sibling
- SIL** – Services for Independent Living
- SILC** – Statewide Independent Living Council
- SILP** – Semi-Independent Living Program
- SIS Project** – Supports Intensity Scale Project
- SL** – Supported Living
- SLD** – Specific Learning Disability (sometimes called LD)
- SMART Grant** – Strategic Messaging and Advocacy Resource Training Grant
- SNF** – Skilled Nursing Facility
- SOCIL** – Southeastern Ohio Center for Independent Living
- SOS** – Secretary of State

S

SPA – State Plan Amendment

SSA – Service and Support Administration

SSA – Social Security Administration

SSD – Social Security Disability

SSDI – Social Security Disability Insurance

SSI – Supplemental Security Income

SST – State Support Team

ST – Speech Therapy

STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering

STIR – Steps Toward Independence and Responsibility

T

TA – Technical Assistance

TANF – Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

TASH – Formerly, The Association for the Severely Handicapped

TBI – Traumatic Brain Injury

TCM – Targeted Case Management

TCILC – Tri-County Independent Living Center, Inc.

TDD – Telecommunication Device for the Deaf or Transitions Developmental Disabilities (Waiver)

TESOL – Teachers of English for Speakers of Other Languages

TIC – Trauma Informed Care

TPP – Transition Planning Process

TPW – Therapeutic Program Worker

TS – Tourette's Syndrome

TTY – Teletypewriter for the Deaf

TWWIA – Ticket to Work & Work Incentives Improvement Act (federal)

Tx – Treatment

U

- UCEDD** – University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities
- UCPA** – United Cerebral Palsy Association (national)
- UHCAN** – United Health Care Action Network
- UI** – Unusual Incident
- UIR** – Unusual Incident Report
- USA** – United Spinal Association
- USBLN** – United States Business Leadership Network

V

- VA** – Veterans Affairs
- VR** – Vocational Rehabilitation
- VSA** – Vision, Strength & Artistic Expression (national and state)

W

- W3C** – World Wide Web Consortium
- WAI** – Web Accessibility Initiative
- WAIS** – Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale (psychological evaluation)
- WE** – Work Evaluation
- WIC** – Women, Infants and Children program
- WID** – World Institute on Disability
- WIOA** – Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (formally WIA)
- WIPA** – Work Incentive Planning & Assistance
- WISC** – Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children (psychological evaluation–sometimes called WISC–R or WISC–III)
- WRILC** – Western Reserve Independent Living Center

Y

- YLF** – Youth Leadership Forum

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