

# Acronyms in the Developmental Disability World

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## Agencies/Organizations:

AAA Area Agencies on Aging  
 AAIDD American Association for Intellectual and Developmental Disability  
 AAP American Academy of Pediatrics  
 ACCT Agency Council on Coordinated Transportation (DOT)  
 ACF Administration for Children and Families (Federal HHS)  
 ACH Association of County Human Services  
 ACIL Association of Centers for Independent Living  
 ADH Adult Day Health  
 ADRC Aging and Disability Resource Center  
 ADSA Aging and Disability Services Administration (DSHS)  
 AFSCME American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees  
 AG Attorney General  
 APS Adult Protective Services (DSHS)  
 Arc The Arc, a national organization with state and local chapters (note: not an acronym)  
 ASAN Autistic Self-Advocacy Network  
 ASW Autism Society of Washington  
 ATN Autism Treatment Network  
 AUCD Association of University Centers on Disabilities  
 BACB Behavior Analyst Certification Board  
 BIAW Brain Injury Association of Washington  
 CAC Community Advocacy Coalition  
 CAPA Community Alternatives for People with Autism  
 CDC Centers for Disease Control (Federal)  
 CDS Child Development Services  
 CEA Community Employment Alliance  
 CEC Council for Exceptional Children  
 CFC Caseload Forecast Council

CFI Center for Independence  
 CFS Children and Family Services (Children’s Administration in DSHS)  
 CHDD Center on Human Development and Disability  
 CHIP Children’s Health Insurance Program  
 CJTC Criminal Justice Training Commission  
 CLS Columbia Legal Services  
 CMS Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (Federal)  
 CORD Coalition of Responsible Disabled  
 CPGB Certified Professional Guardianship Board  
 CPPA Community Protection Providers Association (DSHS)  
 CPS Child Protective Services  
 CRSA Community Residential Services Association  
 CSO Community Service Office (DSHS)  
 CSHCN Children with Special Health Care Needs (DOH)  
 CSTC Child Study and Treatment Center  
 DBHR Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery  
 DCFS Division of Children and Family Services (DSHS)  
 DDAB Developmental Disability Advisory Board  
 DDC Developmental Disabilities Council (DOH)  
 DDD Division of Developmental Disabilities (DSHS)  
 DEL Department of Early Learning  
 DOH Department of Health  
 DOJ Department of Justice  
 DOT Department of Transportation  
 DNR Department of Natural Resources  
 DRW Disability Rights Washington

DSHS	Department of Social and Health Services	NWJP	Northwest Justice Project
DVR	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DSHS)	OAC	Office of Administrator of the Courts
ECEAP	Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program	OCR	Office for Civil Rights
EPSDT	Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment	OFM	Office of Financial Management
ERIC	Education Resource Information Center	OPG	Office of Public Guardianship
ESIT	Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (formerly ITEIP)	OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs
FAIR	Freedom ~ Access ~ Independence ~ Respect	OSERS	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
FDA	Food and Drug Administration	OSPI	Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
FEAT	Families for Effective Autism Treatment	OTA	Occupational Therapy Association
FREED	Family Resources, Education and Empowerment for Developmental Disabilities	P&A	Protection and Advocacy
HHS	Health and Human Services (Federal)	P2P	Parent to Parent, a mentorship and support program
HRC	Human Rights Commission	P2P	Person to Person, citizen advocacy for developmental disabilities
ICC	Interagency Coordinating Council (Birth to 3)	PACER	Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights
ITEIP	Infants and Toddlers Early Intervention Program (now ESIT in DEL)	PAVE	Partnerships for Action Voices for Empowerment
JRA	Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration (DSHS)	PESB	Professional Educator Standards Board
KCPFC	King County Parent and Family Coalition, a grassroots advocacy program of The Arc of King County and part of a network of Washington State Parent Coalitions for Developmental Disabilities	PFOW	People First of Washington
L&I	Labor and Industries	PTI	Statewide Parent Training and Information Center
LDA	Learning Disabilities Association of Washington	RCS	Residential Care Services
LEAD	Leadership, Education, Advocacy and Determination	RSA	Rehabilitation Services Administration
LEND	Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities	RSN	Regional Support Network
MAA	Medical Assistance Administration	SABE	Self Advocates Becoming Empowered
NAC	Northwest Autism Center	SAIL	Self Advocates in Leadership
NADS	National Association for Down Syndrome	SAW	Self Advocates of Washington
NAMI	National Alliance for People with Mental Illness	SCHIP	State Children's Health Insurance Program
NICHY	National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities	SEAC	Special Education Advisory Council
		SEC	Special Education Coalition
		SEIU	Service Employees International Union
		SETC	Special Education Technology Center
		SICC	State Interagency Coordinating Council
		SILC	State Independent Living Council
		SPI	Superintendent of Public Instruction
		SSA	Social Security Administration
		The Arc-	For people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (Note: not an acronym)
		TVW	Washington's public affairs network
		WAAA	Washington Autism Alliance and Advocacy
		WATA	Washington State Assistive Technology Alliance

WEA Washington Education Association  
 WiSe Washington Initiative for Supported  
 Employment  
 WSDS Washington Sensory Disabilities  
 Services  
 WSH Western State Hospital  
 WSHA Washington Speech and Hearing  
 Association

WSHRC Washington State Human Rights  
 Commission  
 WSIPP Washington State Institute for Public  
 Policy  
 WSPC Washington State Parent Coalitions for  
 Developmental Disabilities  
 WSSEC Washington State Special Education  
 Coalition

**Disability Diagnosis:**

ADD Attention Deficit Disorder  
 ADHD Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder  
 ASD Autism Spectrum Disorder  
 BD Behavioral Disability  
 CD Communication Disorders  
 COD Co-Occurring Disorder  
 CP Cerebral Palsy  
 CVI Cortical Visual Impairment  
 DD Developmental Disability  
 DS Down syndrome  
 DSM Diagnostic and Statistical Manual  
 of mental disorders  
 FAS Fetal Alcohol Syndrome  
 FAE Fetal Alcohol Effect

HFA High Functioning Autism  
 ID Intellectual Disability  
 LD Learning Disability  
 MR Mental Retardation  
 MSDD Multi-Sensory Developmental Delays  
 NLD Nonverbal Learning Disability  
 OCD Obsessive Compulsive Disorder  
 ODD Oppositional Defiance Disorder  
 PDD Pervasive Development Disorder  
 PDDNOS-Pervasive Development Disorder Not  
 Otherwise Specified  
 PKU Phenylketonuria  
 SBD Severe Behavior Disability  
 TBI Traumatic Brain Injury

**Education Terms:**

504 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of  
 1973 (accommodations)  
 ABC Antecedent, Behavior, Consequence  
 APE Adaptive Physical Education  
 ASL American Sign Language  
 BIP Behavioral Intervention Plan  
 BMP Behavior Management Plan  
 CIA Certificate of Individual Achievement  
 CNA Comprehensive Needs Assessment  
 EBP Evidence Based Practice  
 ECEAP Early Childhood Education and  
 Assistance Program  
 EI Early Intervention  
 ELL English Language Learner  
 EPSDT Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and  
 Treatment  
 ESD Educational Service District  
 ESEA Elementary and Secondary Education  
 Act (federal education law)

ESSA Every Student Succeeds Act (current  
 form of ESEA)  
 ESY Extended School Year  
 FAPE Free Appropriate Public Education  
 FBA Functional Behavioral Assessment  
 FSP Family Service Plan  
 IA Instructional Assistant  
 IDEA Individuals with Disabilities Education  
 Act  
 IEP Individualized Education Program  
 IFSP Individualized Family Services Plan  
 IQ Intelligence Quotient  
 LAP Learning Assistance Program  
 LRE Least Restrictive Environment  
 MTSS Multi-Tiered System of Support  
 OEO Office of the Education Ombuds  
 OSPI Office of the Superintendent of Public  
 Instruction  
 OT Occupational Therapist

PBIP	Positive Behavior Intervention Plan	SEL	Social Emotional Learning
PBIS	Positive Behavior Intervention and Support	SLD	Specific Learning Disability
PECS	Picture Exchange Communication System	SLI	Speech or Language Impairment
PT	Physical Therapist	SLP	Speech-Language Pathologist
RTI	Response to Intervention	SPED	Special Education
SDI	Specifically Designed Instruction	SRC	Social Responsiveness Scale
SEAC	Special Education Advisory Council	STW	School-To-Work
SEC	Special Education Coalition	UDL	Universal Design for Learning
		WISC	Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children

### Employment Terms

GSE	Group Supported Employment	SGA	Substantial Gainful Employment
IRWE	Impairment Related Employment Expense	TTW	Ticket to Work (Social Security)
ISE	Individual Supported Employment	PASS	Plan for Achieving Self Support (Social Security)
PIE	Pathway to Individual Employment	SEP	Supported Employment Program
PVS	Pre Vocational Services	WAAP	Working Age Adult Policy

### Legislative/Legal Terms:

ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act	HB	House Bill
AG	Attorney General	HCBS	Home and Community Based Services (waivers)
ALJ	Administrative Law Judge	HHS	Health and Human Services
CRA	Civil Rights Act	IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
DD Act	Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act	IDEIA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act
DL	Disability Lifeline (now MCS)	JAC	John A. Cherberg (legislative building)
ESHB	Engrossed Substitute House Bill	JLARC	Joint Legislative Audit & Review Committee
ESEA	Elementary and Secondary Education Act (federal education law)	JLOB	John L. O'Brien (legislative building)
ESSA	Every Student Succeeds Act (current form of ESEA, replaced No Child Left Behind)	LA	Legislative Assistant
ESSB	Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill	LEAP	Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program
FERPA	Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act	MCS	Medical Care Services
FMAP	Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentages	MFP	Money Follows the Person
FPL	Federal Poverty Level	MOE	Maintenance of Effort
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act	MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
FTE	Full Time Equivalent	NPS	No Paid Services
FY	Fiscal Year	PL	Public Law
GAL	Guardian Ad Litem	PL 94-142	Education of Handicapped Children Act of 1975 (now PL 101-476)
GA-U	General Assistance Unemployable	PL 99-457	Education of the Handicapped
HAVA	Help America Vote Act		

Amendment of 1986 (now PL 101-476)  
 PL 105-476 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 1990 (formerly PL 94-142 & 99-457)  
 PL 105-15 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 1997 (formerly PL 101-476)  
 POA Power of Attorney

RCW Revised Code of Washington  
 SB Senate Bill  
 SHB Substitute House Bill  
 SOP State-Operated Program  
 SSB Substitute Senate Bill  
 VAPO Vulnerable Adult Protection Order  
 WAC Washington Administrative Code  
 WLAD Washington Law Against Discrimination (RCW 49.60)

**Professionals**

ARNP Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner  
 BCBA Board Certified Behavior Analyst  
 CDS Communication Disorder Specialist  
 CM Case Manager (DDD)  
 CPG Certified Professional Guardian  
 CRM Case Resource Manager (DDD)  
 FRC Family Resource Manager

LMHC Licensed Mental Health Counselor  
 OT Occupational Therapist  
 PT Physical Therapist  
 PCA Personal Care Attendant  
 RBT Registered Behavior Technician  
 RN Registered Nurse  
 SLP Speech Language Pathologist

**Programs and Services:**

AAC Alternative and Augmentative Communication  
 ABA Applied Behavior Analysis  
 ADL Activities of Daily Living (DDA assessment)  
 AIT Auditory Integration Therapy  
 AT Assistive Technology  
 BSP Behavioral Support Plan  
 Basic+ A Home and Community Based Service (Title XIX Medicaid)  
 CA Community Access  
 CARE Comprehensive Assessment Reporting Evaluation (DDD)  
 CBI Cognitive Behavior Intervention  
 CFCO Community First Choice Choice Option  
 CIIBS Children’s Intensive In-home Behavior Supports, A Home and Community Based Service (Title XIX Medicaid)  
 CLASS Community Living Assistance and Support Services (Federal)  
 CMIS Client Management Information System (DDD)  
 COPEs Community Options Program Entry System  
 Core A Home and Community Based Service

(Title XIX Medicaid)  
 CP Community Protection, A Home and Community Based Service (Title XIX Medicaid)  
 DTT Discreet Trial Training  
 EBP Evidence Based Practice  
 EIBI Early Intensive Behavioral Intervention  
 ETP Exception to Policy (DDA)  
 ETR Exception to Rule (DDA)  
 FMRA Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging  
 GSE Group Supported Employment  
 HCBS Home and Community Based Services (Title XIX Medicaid, federal waiver)  
 ICAP Inventory of Client and Agency Planning  
 IFS Individual and Family Services, A Home and Community Based Service (Title XIX Medicaid)  
 IFSP Individual and Family Services Plan  
 ISP Individual Support Plan  
 LTCO Long-Term Care Ombudsman  
 LTCRRA Long-Term Care Resident Rights Act (Medicare)  
 Medicare Part A-Coverage for hospital and in-patient services

Medicare Part B-Coverage for doctor visits, outpatient services, durable medical equipment  
 Medicare Part C-Services available through private plans (HMO, PPO, etc.)  
 Medicare Part D-Coverage for prescription drugs  
 MICP Medically Intensive Children’s Program

MPC Medicaid Personal Care  
 PRT Pivotal Response Training  
 RCL Roads to Community Living  
 SSP State Supplemental Payment program  
 TEACCH-Treatment and Education of Autistic and Related Communication-Handicapped Children

**Residential:**

AFH Adult Family Home  
 ALS Alternative Living Services  
 CCF Congregate Care Facility  
 CFH Child Foster Home  
 CH Companion Home  
 CPP Community Protection Program  
 GH Group Home  
 ICF/MR Intermediate Care Facility for person with Mental Retardation  
 ILC Independent Living Center

LTC Long Term Care  
 LTCO Long Term Care Ombudsman  
 LTCRRA Long Term Care Resident Rights Act  
 NH Nursing Home  
 RHC Residential Habilitation Center  
 SL Supported Living  
 SNF Skilled Nursing Facility  
 SOLA State Operated Living Alternative  
 VPP Voluntary Placement Program  
 VPS Voluntary Placement Services

**Miscellaneous:**

AT Assistive Technology  
 BSP Behavioral Support Plan (DDD)  
 CPG Certified Professional Guardianship  
 DAC Disabled Adult Child (SSA)  
 DME Durable Medical Equipment  
 DNR Do Not Resuscitate  
 DX Diagnosis  
 ETP Exception to Policy (DDD)  
 ETR Exception to Rule (DDD)  
 FTE Full Time Equivalent  
 FY Fiscal Year  
 I&R Information and Referral  
 LRA Least Restrictive Alternative  
 LRO Least Restrictive Option  
 MOE Maintenance of Effort  
 MOU Memorandum of Understanding  
 NA Not Applicable  
 NSA Necessary Supplemental Accommodation

NPS No Paid Services  
 OJT On-the-Job Training  
 PAN Planned Action Notice (DDD)  
 PCP Person Centered Plan  
 POC Plan of Care (DDD)  
 QA Quality Assurance  
 RFI Request for Information  
 RFP Request for Proposals  
 RFQ Request for Qualifications  
 SIS Supports Intensity Scale  
 SLAM Service Level Attainment Model  
 SSCDB Social Security Childhood Disability Benefit  
 SSDAC Social Security Disabled Adult Child  
 SSDI Supplemental Security Disability Insurance  
 SSI Supplemental Security Income  
 SSP State Supplementary Payment Program  
 TTY Teletypewriter