

# Common Abbreviations and Acronyms

**ADA** Americans with Disabilities Act

**ADD** Attention Deficit Disorder

**ADHD** Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

**ADL** Activities of Daily Living

**AIDS** Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

**AIG** Academically Intellectually Gifted

**ARC** The Arc (formerly Association for Retarded Citizens)

**ASHA** American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

**ASL** American Sign Language Deafness

**AU** Autism

**BED** Behavioral/Emotional Disability

**CA** Chronological Age

**CAP** Central Auditory Processing

**CAP-C** Community Alternatives Program for Children

**CAP-DA** Community Alternatives Program for the Disabled Adult

**CAP-MR/DD** Community Alternatives Program for Mentally Retarded/Developmental Disability (being replaced with **Innovations**)

**CEC** Council for Exceptional Children

**CDSA** Children's Developmental Services Agency

**CNS** Central Nervous System

**CP** Cerebral Palsy

**CPS** Child Protective Services

**CSCP** Child Service Coordination Program

**CSHS** Children's Special Health Services

**CYSHCN** Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

**DA** Developmental Age

**DAP** Developmentally Appropriate Practice

**dB** decibel

**D/B** Deaf/Blind

**DCFS** Division of Children and Family Services

**DD** Developmental Disability or Developmental Delay

**DDD** Division of Developmental Disabilities

**DHHS** Department of Health and Human Services

**DMH** Division of Mental health

**DPI** Department of Public Instruction

**DSS** Division of Social Services

**EC** Exceptional Children

**ECAC** Exceptional Children's Assistance Center

**ECE** Early Childhood Education

**ECSE** Early Childhood Special Education

**EI** Early Intervention

**EISC** Early Intervention Service Coordinator

**ESPD** Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment

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**ESY** Extended School Year

**FAPE** Free Appropriate Public Education

**FERPA** Family Educational Rights and Privacy

**P2P FSN** Parent to Parent Family Support Network

**HAG** Highly Intellectually Intelligent

**HI** Hearing Impairment

**HS** Head Start

**ID** Intellectual Disability (mild, moderate, or severe)

**IDEA** Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

**IEP** Individualized Education Plan

**IFSP** Individualized Family Service Plan

**IOH** Institute of Health

**IQ** Intelligence Quotient

**LD** Learning Disability

**LDA** Learning Disability Association

**LEA** Local Education Agency

**LICC** Local Interagency Coordinating Council

**LRE** Least Restrictive Environment

**MA** Mental Age

**MCH** Maternal and Child Health

**MD** Muscular Dystrophy

**MDE** Multidisciplinary Evaluation

**MD** Multiple Disabilities

**MR** Mental Retardation (being replaced with ID)

**MR/DD** Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities (being replaced with ID)

**NAEYC** National Association for the Education of Young Children

**NC-ICC** North Carolina Interagency Coordinating Council

**NECTAC** National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center

**NICU** Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

**NORD** National Association of Rare disorders

**OCR** Office of Civil Rights

**OHI** Other Health Impairment

**OI** Orthopedic Impairment

**OSEP** Office of Special Education Programs

**OSERS** Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services

**OT** Occupational Therapy

**Part B** Part of IDEA that regulates educational services to children with disabilities ages 3 through 21

**Part C** Part of IDEA that regulates educational services to children with disabilities ages birth to 36 months

**PL** Public Law

**PL94-142** Education for All Handicapped Students Act now IDEA

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**PL99-457** Amendment to PL94-142 that authorized Early Intervention for infants and toddlers with disabilities and required preschool services for 3 to 5 year olds. IDEA

**PT** Physical Therapy or Physical Therapist

**RN** Registered Nurse

**SC** Service Coordinator or Service Coordination

**SEA** State Education Agency

**SED** Serious Emotional Disability

**SEE** Signing Exact English

**S/L** Speech-Language

**SI** Speech-Language Impairment

**SLP** Speech-Language Pathologist

**SPED** Department of Special Education

**SS** Social Security

**SSA** Social Security Administration

**SSI** Supplemental Security Income

**ST** Speech Therapy

**TASH** The Association for Person with Severe Handicaps

**TBI** Traumatic Brain Injury

**TDD/TTY** Telecommunication Device for the Deaf, Hearing impaired and Speech Impaired

**VI** Visual Impairment