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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

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

ABA – Applied Behavior Analysis

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

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
- 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

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

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

N

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

O

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

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

O

OIF – Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation

OHFA – Ohio Housing Finance Agency

ONET – Ohio Network for Education Transformation

OOD – Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (formerly Rehabilitation Services Commission)

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

P

- 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
- PDD** – Pervasive Developmental Disorder
- PDN** – Private Duty Nursing
- PIE** – Preschool and Infant Evaluation Program
- PKU** – Phenylketonuria
- PL** – Public Law
- PLAN** – Planned Lifetime Assistance Network
- POA** – Power of Attorney
- PPO** – Preferred Provider Organization
- PRN** – Pro Re Nata (Latin for “as the situation demands”)
- PT** – Physical Therapy
- PTDS** – Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
- PPO** – Preferred Provider Organization

P

PVA – Paralyzed Veterans of America

PWS – Prader Willi Syndrome

Q

QA – Quality Assurance

QIDP – Qualified Intellectual Disabilities Professional

R

RESNA – Rehabilitation Engineering Society of North America

RFP – Request for Proposal

RN – Registered Nurse

ROM – Range of Motion

RSA – Rehabilitation Services Administration (U.S.)

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

SB L-M – Stanford-Binet, Form L-M (language/memory)

SCI – Spinal Cord Injury

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

S

- 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
- 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

TANF – Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

TASH – Formerly, The Association for the Severely Handicapped

TBI – Traumatic Brain Injury

TCM – Targeted Case Management

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

TESOL – Teachers of English for Speakers of Other Languages

TPP – Transition Planning Process

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

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)

W

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)

Y

YLF – Youth Leadership Forum

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