

**Center for Development and Disability
Library and Information Network for the Community
(LINC)**

Welcome to the World of Acronyms associated with the field of disability and/or organizations that serve individuals with a disability. Acronyms are initials or abbreviations used to describe a term. The summary below is provided to assist you in understanding some of the most common acronyms. As new acronyms seem to be created almost daily, this document will be updated periodically. We hope you find this tool useful as you navigate through the various terms used in the field of Disability.

COMMONLY USED TERMS

ACRONYM	TERM
AAC	Augmentative and Alternative Communication
AADP	American Association of Disabled People
AAMR	American Association of Mental Retardation
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ADL	Activities of Daily Living
ADT	Adult Day Training
AFDC	Aid to Families with Dependent Children
APE	Adapted Physical Education
APS	Albuquerque Public Schools
Arc of NM	The Arc of New Mexico
ARCA	Association for Retarded Citizens of Albuquerque
ASA	Autism Society of America
ASL	American Sign Language
AT	Assistive Technology
BBS	Bureau of Blind Services
BD	Behavior Disorder
BHO	Behavioral Health Organization
BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs
BIP	Behavioral Intervention Plan
BMS	Behavioral Management Specialist
BT	Behavior Therapy or Therapist
CAP	Client Assistance Program
CARF	Commission for Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities
CBS	Children's Behavioral Services
CDD	Center for Development and Disability (within University of New Mexico)
CDDS	Consortium of Developmental Disabilities Councils
CEC	Council for Exceptional Children
CF	Cystic Fibrosis

CHI	Coalition Health Initiative
CMS	Children's Medical Services (or) Center for Medicare and Medicare services (formerly HCFA: Health Care Financing Authority)
COC	Continuum of Care Program
COTA	Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant
CP	Cerebral Palsy
CRT	Community Residential Training
CYFD	Children, Youth and Families Department
D and E	Disabled and Elderly Waiver
DALTCP	Disability, Aging and Long-Term Care Policy
DD	Developmental Disabilities Waiver
DDPC	Developmental Disabilities Planning Council
DHH	Deaf and Hard of Hearing
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services
DME	Durable Medical Equipment
DOE	Department of Energy (State)
DOH	Department of Health
DOL	Department of Labor
DRP	Dispute Resolution Process (LTSD)
DVR	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
EA	Educational Assistant
ED	Emotional Disturbance
EDGAR	Education Division General Administration Regulations
EHA	Education of the Handicapped Act
EI	Early Intervention
ESL	English as a Second Language
ESY	Extended School Year
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education
FBA	Functional Behavioral Assessment
FERPA	<i>Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act</i>
FFY	Federal Fiscal Year
FIT	Family, Infant and Toddler Program Early Intervention
FPL	Federal Poverty Level
GAO	Government Accounting Office
HHS	Health and Human Services Department (Federal)
HI	Hearing Impaired
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HIS	Indian Health Services
HKNC	Helen Keller National Center
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization. Health plan that requires its members to use only certain health providers and hospitals.
HSD	Human Services Department (State)
I & R	Information and Referral (State\Medicaid)
IADL	Instrumental Activities of Daily Living

ICC	Interagency Coordinating Council (early intervention services)
ICF	Intermediate Care Facility
ICF/DD	Intermediate Care facility for the Developmentally Disabled
ICP	Indian Children's Program
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IDT	Interdisciplinary Team (for adult services)
IEE	Individual Education Evaluation
IEP	Individualized Education Plan
IFS	Individual and Family Support Plan
IFSP	Individualized Family Services Plan (Birth-3 years)
IHP	Individualized Health Plan
IL	Independent Living
ILC	Independent Living Center
IQ	Intelligence Quotient
IRWE	Impairment Related Work Expenses (SSI)
ISD	Income Support Division
ISP	Individual Service Plan (for Waiver Services)
ITP	Individualized Transition Plan
JCAHO	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
L&CB	Licensing and Certification Bureau (within NM DOH)
LD	Learning Disability
LEP	Limited English Proficient
LINC	Library and Information Network for the Community
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
LTRC	Long-Term Residential Care (under DOH)
LTSD	Long Term Services Division (Includes Developmental Disabilities)
MAD	Medical Assistance Division (Medicaid) (under HSD)
MCO	Managed Care Organization. Health organization that finances and delivers health care using a specific provider network and specific services and products.
MD	Multiple Disabilities (or) Muscular Dystrophy or Medical Doctor
MDSSI	Multiple Disabilities with Severe Sensory Impairment
MDT	Multi-Disciplinary team
MFCMP	Medically Fragile Case Management Program (within CDD)
MI	Mentally Impaired
MIMR	Mild Mental Retardation
MOMR	Moderate Mental Retardation
MR	Mentally Retarded
MR/RC	Mental Retarded/Related Conditions
MSW	Masters of Social Work
NADDC	National Association of Developmental Disabilities Councils
NARF:	National Association for Rehabilitation Facilities
NCD	National Council on Disability
NFADB	National Families Association for Deaf –Blind

NIH	National Institute of Health
NMHI	National Mental Health Institute
NMSD	New Mexico School for the Deaf
NMSU	New Mexico State University
NMSVH	New Mexico School for Visually Handicapped
OCD	Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
OCR	Office of Civil Rights
OHI	Other Health Impairment
OSC	One Stop Career Center
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs
OSERS	Office of Special Educational and Rehabilitation Services (Federal)
OT	Occupational Therapist (or) Occupational Therapy
OVR	Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
P&A	Protection and Advocacy
P&DC	Parents for Behaviorally Different Children
PCO	Personal Care Option
PCP	Primary Care Physician.
PDD	Pervasive Developmental Disorder
PIE	Preschool Infant Evaluation
PL100-46	DD Assistance and Bill of Rights Act
PL 94-42	Education of All Handicapped Children Act of 1975
PL 99-457	Education of the Handicapped Amendments of 1986 (IDEA)
PLP	Present Levels of Performance
PMD	Preschool Moderate Delay
PRO	Parents Reaching Out
PSD	Preschool Severe Delay
PSL	Preschool Speech/Language Delay
PT	Physical Therapy or Therapist
PWD	People with Disabilities
PWN	Prior Written Notice
RSA	Rehabilitation Services Administration
RTC	Residential Treatment Center
SAT	Student Assistance Team
SBE	State Board of Education
SCHIP	State Child Health Insurance Plan
SDE	State Department of Education (New Mexico)
SEA	State Education Agency
SHRAC	Statewide Human Rights Advocacy Committee
SI	Sensory Integration Treatments
SJM	Senate Joint Memorial
SLD	Specific Learning Disability
SLI	Speech/Language Impairment
SLP	Speech/Language Pathologist
SM	Senate Memorial

SMI	Severely Mentally Impaired
SMR	Severe Mental Retardation
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSD	Social Security Division
SSDI	Social Security Disability Insurance
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
ST	Speech Therapy or Therapist
SWAN	Southwest Autism Network
TA	Technical Assistance
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
TDD	Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf
TEASC	Trans-disciplinary Evaluation and Assessment Support Clinic (18yr. +)
TITLE XIX	Section of Social Security Act dealing with Medicaid/Medical Assist.
UAP	University Affiliated Program
UNM	University of New Mexico
UNMH	University of New Mexico Hospital
USDE	United States Department of Education
VI	Visual Impairment
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation
VRA	Vocational Rehabilitation Act or Association
WIA	Workforce Investment Act