

WEST VIRGINIA SYSTEM OF CARE

ACRONYM GLOSSARY & LIST OF COMMON TERMS

West Virginia System of Care, in partnership with F.A.S.T: Family Advocacy, Support & Training Programs through Legal Aid of West Virginia, has compiled a comprehensive guide to acronyms for organizations, behavioral and descriptive terminology commonly used in child and family care situations.

If you find any information in this document outdated or missing, please send us an email at the address provided below. Thank you!

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ACRONYMS & MEANINGS

AAAS	Alternate Academic Achievement Standards
ABA	Applied Behavior Analysis
ABI	Acquired brain Injury
ABS	Adaptive Behavior Scale
ACT	American College Testing OR Assertive Community Treatment
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ADR	Alternative Dispute Resolution
AEL	Appalachian Educational Laboratory
AHEAD	Association on Higher Education and Disabilities
AHS	Automated Health Systems <i>Company administering WV's Medicaid managed care programs.</i>
AIM	Accessible Instructional Manual
AP	Advanced Placement
APA	American Psychological Association OR American Psychiatric Association
AP; APD	Auditory Processing Disorder
APS	Administrative Services Organization Healthcare, Inc. <i>National company serving as WV's Administrative Services Organization.</i>
APTA	Alternate Performance Task Assessment
ARD	Admission, Review, and Dismissal (<i>Committee</i>)
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorder
ASL	American Sign Language
ASO	Administrative Services Organization
AT	Assistive Technology
BCF	Bureau for Children and Families
BD	Behavioral Disorders
BHHF	Bureau for Behavioral Health & Health Facilities
BIP	Behavior Intervention Plan
BMP	Behavior Management Plan
BMS	Bureau for Medical Services the state Medicaid agency
BOE	Board of Education
BPD	Borderline Personality Disorder
BPH	Bureau for Public Health
BS/CE	Basic Skills Computer Education
CANS	Child & Adolescent Needs & Strengths Assessment
CAP; CAPD	Central Auditory Processing Disorder
CAPS	Comprehensive Assessment and Planning System
CASA	Court Appointed Special Advocate
CAST	Center for Applied Special Technology
CBA	Curriculum-Based Assessment
CBHC	Comprehensive Behavioral Health Center <i>Traditionally known as Community Mental Health Centers. There are 13 CBHC's each serving specific catchment areas in the state.</i>
CBS	Community Based Services
CBT	Community Based Teams OR Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
CC	Clinical Coordinator
CCLD	Coordinated Campaign for Learning Disabilities

ACRONYMS & MEANINGS *continued*

CD	Conduct Disorder/Compact Disc
CEC	Council for Exceptional Children
CED	Center for Excellence in Disabilities at West Virginia University
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CFSR	Child and Family Service Review
CHADD	Children & Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder
CHEN	Comprehensive Health Education Network
CHIP	Children's Health Insurance Program
CLC	Cultural and Linguistic Competence
CM	Case Manager
CMHC	Community Mental Health Center <i>Now referred to in WV as Comprehensive Behavioral Health Center</i>
COPAA	The Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates
CPS	Child Protective Services
CPSE	Committee on Preschool Special Education
CRU	Crisis Response Unit
CSE	Committee on Special education
CSHCN	Children with Special health Care Needs <i>(WV Maternal/Child Health)</i>
CSM	Community Services Manager <i>Community Services managers are responsible for child welfare services in one or more counties.</i>
CSO	Content Standard and Objectives
CST	Child Study Team
CTE	Career Technical Education
CWC	Child Welfare Consultant <i>Each of the four Department of Health & Human Service Regions has two Child Welfare Consultants.</i>
DADA	Division on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse <i>(BHHF)</i>
DAR	Disciplinary Action Review
DCAS	Division on Children and Adults Services <i>(BCF)</i>
DCD	Developmental Coordination Disorder
DCMH	Division of Children's Mental health <i>(BHHF)</i>
DIDD	Division of Intellectual Developmental Disabilities
DHHR	Department of Health and Human Resources
DJS	Division of Juvenile Services
DOE	Department of Education
DOH	Department of Health/Department of Highway
DRS	Division of Rehabilitation Services
DSM-5	Diagnostic & Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders <i>Fifth Edition. Reference book published in 2013 by American Psychiatric Association to understand and diagnose mental health problems. Replaces DSM-IV, published in 1994.</i>
DSS	Disability Support Services
EBD	Emotional and Behavioral Disorders
EC	Eligibility Committee
ECDC	Early Childhood Development Center`
ED	Emotional Disturbance
EDGAR	Education Department General Administrative Regulations
EH	Emotionally Handicapped <i>Acronym Index & List of Common Terms (Revised Nov. 2015)</i>
ELL	English Language Learner
EPSDT	Early & Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment
ERIC	Educational Resources Information Center
ESEA	Elementary and Secondary Education Act



ACRONYMS & MEANINGS *continued*

ESL	English as a Second Language
ESOL	English to Speakers of Other Languages
ESY	Extended School year Services
ETS	Educational Testing Services
FACTS	Family and Children Tracking System <i>For the state's families and children receiving Child Protective Services and Youth Services.</i>
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education
FAQ	Frequently Asked Questions
FAST	Family Advocacy, Support & Training Program <i>Through Legal Aid of WV</i>
FBA	Functional Behavioral Assessment
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
FLF	Family Leadership First
FMRI	Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging
FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Center
FQHC-LA	Federally Qualified Health Center – Look-Alike
FRN	Family Resource Network
FSP	Family Support Plan
GATE	Gifted and Talented Education
GE	General Education
GED	General Education Diploma
GPA	Grade Point Average
GT; LD	Gifted and Talented with Learning Disabilities
HI	Hearing Impaired OR Health Impaired
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization
HOH	Hard of Hearing
H.R. 1350	House of Representatives Bill 1350 <i>"Improving Education Results for Children with Disabilities Act of 2003"</i>
HRDF	Human Resource Development Foundation <i>HRDF, one of the largest non-profit organizations in WV, provides advocacy, empowerment and administration of employment, occupational skill training, educational programs and housing for elderly, financially disadvantaged and disabled individuals.</i>
HS	High School
HUD	Housing and Urban Development
ICC	Intensive Care Coordinator
ICF	Intermediate Care Facility
ICPC	Interstate Compact Placement Contract
IDA	International Dyslexia Association
IDD; DD	Intellectual Disabilities/Developmental Disabilities
IDEA; IDEIA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act
IEE	Independent Educational Evaluation
IEP	Individualized Education Program
IEPT	Individualized Education Program Team
IGOS	Instructional Goals and Objectives
IL	Independent Living
ISP	Individual Service Plan
ISS	In-School Suspension
ITP	Individual Transition Plan
IQ	Intelligence Quotient
I&R	Information and Referral
JP; JPO	Juvenile Probation; Juvenile Probation Officer
K-12	Kindergarten through 12th Grade
LAWV	Legal Aid of West Virginia



ACRONYMS & MEANINGS *continued*

LBLP; LiPS; Lindamood-Bell Language Program
LMB; LM-B

LD	Learning Disability
LDA	Learning Disability Association
LEA	Local Educational Agency
LOC	Level of Care
LPC	Licensed Professional Counselor
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
LSIC	Local School Improvement Council
LST	Life Skills Training
LSW	Licensed Social Worker
MBD	Minimal Brain Dysfunction
MDT	Multidisciplinary Treatment Team <i>The team established pursuant to 49-5D-3 of the Code of MDT remains involved in a case until permanency is achieved</i>
MDR	Manifestation Determination Review
MDET	Multidisciplinary Evaluation Team
MH	Mental Health OR Multiple Handicapped
MRI	Magnetic Resonance Imaging
MS	Middle School/Multiple Sclerosis
MSPCAN	Mountain State Parent Child & Adolescent Network
MSW	Master of Social Work degree
NAMI	National Alliance on Mental Illness
NCLB	No Child Left Behind Act of 2001
MCLD	National Center for Learning Disabilities
NICHCY	National Information Center for Children & Youth with Disabilities
NICHD	National Institute for Child Health and Human Development
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NILD	National Institute for Learning Disabilities
NIMH	National Institutes of Mental Health
NLD; NVLD	Non-verbal Learning Disability
OBHS	Office of Behavioral Health Services
OCD	Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
OCR	Office for Civil Rights
ODD	Oppositional Defiant Disorder
OG; O-G	Orton Gillingham
OHI	Other Health Impaired
OIEP	Office of Institutional Education Programs
OMCFH	Office of maternal, Child and Family Health
OSE	Office of Special Education
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs (<i>US Dept. of Ed.</i>)
OSERS	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
OT	Occupational Therapy
P&A	Protection and Advocacy
PAC	Parent Advisory Committee
PACER	Parent Advocacy Coalition for Education Rights
PBIS	Positive Behavior Interventions Support
PCP	Primary Care Provider/Physician
PDA	Personal Data Assistant
PDD	Pervasive Development Disorder
PERC	Parent-Educator Resource Center
PL	Parent Liaison
PLEP	Present Level of Educational Performance
PRTF	Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility



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PSAT	Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test
PT	Physical Therapy
PTA	Parent Teacher Association
PTI	Parent Training and Information (<i>Center</i>)
PTO	Parent Teacher Organization
PTSD	Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
PWN	Prior Written Notice
RAD	Reactive Attachment Disorder
RCF	Residential Care Facility
RD	Regional Director <i>There are four regional directors within WV Department of Health & Human Resources Bureau for Children & Families.</i>
RESA	Regional Education Service Agency <i>Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) were established by the West Virginia Board of Education under WV Code 18-2-26 in 1972.</i>
RFBD	Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic
RHC	Rural Health Clinic
RSP	Resource Specialist Program
SB 1248	US Senate Bill 1248 <i>"A Bill to Reauthorize the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act"</i>
SA	Substance Abuse
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration <i>(federal)</i>
SACWIS	Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System
SAT	Scholastic Aptitude Test OR Student Assistance Team
SBAT	School Based Assistance Team
SNHC	School Based Health Center
SD	School District
SED	State Education Department or Serious Emotional Disturbance
SEE	Special Education Environment
SFCP	Specialized Family Care Program <i>A statewide placement and family support system to serve needs of children and adults with developmental disabilities.</i>
SI	Sensory Integration
SLD	Specific Learning Disability
SLP; S/LT	Speech and Language Program
SMT	Simultaneous Multi-sensory Teaching
SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program <i>(commonly known as the food stamp program)</i>
SPF-SIG	Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grants
SP/LANG; SP/LG	Speech and Language
SPED	Special Education
SS	Social Services
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
SST	Student Study Team
SW	Social Worker
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
TCM	Targeted Case Management
TL	Transitional Living
URL	Uniform Resource Locator
V/V	Verbalization/Visualization



ACRONYMS & MEANINGS *continued*

WISC; WISCIII	Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children
WJ; WJ-III; WJIII; WJ4	Woodcock-Johnson Psycho-educational Battery
WVA	West Virginia Advocates
WV READS	West Virginia Reading Excellence Accelerates Deserving Students
WVBOE	West Virginia Board of Education
WVCA	West Virginia Counseling Association
WVCPSS	West Virginia Child Protective Services System
WVCPTS	West Virginia Commission for Professional Teaching Standards
WVDE	West Virginia Department of Education
WVEA	West Virginia Education Association
WVEDUCATION	West Virginia Education Development Utilizing a Collaborative Approach Through an Instructional Online Network
WVEIS	West Virginia Education Information System
WVBHPC	West Virginia Behavioral Health Planning Council
WVBTT	West Virginia Birth to Three
WVMI	West Virginia Medical Institute
WVPRC	West Virginia Prevention Resource Center
WVPTI	West Virginia Parent Training & Information
WVRA	West Virginia Reading Association
WVSBA	West Virginia School Boards Association
WVSCA	Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia
WVSOC	West Virginia System of Care <i>(Est. 2006 by Legislative Commission)</i>
WVSPA	West Virginia School Psychologists Association
WVUCED	Center for Excellence in Disabilities at West Virginia University
YS	Youth Services <i>Works with children who have juvenile delinquency issues or status offense.</i>

COMMON TERMS

<i>Adjudication</i>	<i>To go before a judge.</i>
<i>Chafee</i>	<i>The John Chafee Foster Care Independence Program, created under P.L. 106-169 is a federally funded program administered as a collaborative between the Center for Excellences in Disabilities at West Virginia University and the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources.</i>
<i>Delinquency Proceeding</i>	<i>Court action to officially declare someone a juvenile delinquent. A "delinquent" is defined as under the age of the majority who has been convicted in juvenile court of something that would be classified as a crime in adult court.</i>
<i>Mediation</i>	<i>An informal, non-adversarial and voluntary process in which the parties involved in a dispute are given an opportunity through an impartial third party, called a mediator, to resolve their differences and find a solution satisfactory to the parties involved.</i>
<i>Medley</i>	<i>1981 Class Action Suit Medley v. Ginsberg resulted in statewide program of community based services for persons with developmental disabilities to move from state facilities to community settings.</i>
<i>Policy 2419</i>	<i>West Virginia Department of Education's regulations for the Education of Students with Exceptionalities.</i>
<i>Socially Necessary Services</i>	<i>Services necessary to improve relationships and social functioning.</i>
<i>Surrogate Parent</i>	<i>An individual assigned by the school district to assume the rights and responsibilities of a parent under IDEA 2004, including attending IEP meetings. The surrogate parent may represent a student in all matters relating to the identification, evaluation, educational placement, and the provision of FAPE to the student</i>
<i>Title XIX (Title 19)</i>	<i>Title XIX Home and Community-Based IDD Waiver Program administered through WV Department of Health and Human Resources. (Refers to Title XIX of the Social Security Act Grants to State for Medical Assistance Programs)</i>

