



Alphabet Soup: Commonly Used Abbreviations

ABA	Applied Behavioral Analysis
APR	Annual Performance Report
Arc	The Arc (formerly Association for Retarded Citizens)
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorders
AT	Assistive Technology (including devices and services)
BEI	Bureau of Early Intervention at the New York State Department of Health
CAH	Care at Home Waiver
CAPTA	Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act
CBVH	Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped
CCF	NYS Council on Children and Families
CCH	Center for Community Health at the NYS Department of Health
CCR&R	Child Care Resource and Referral Services
CDRC	Community Dispute Resolution Center
CF	Child Find
CHC	Community Health Care Center
CHHA	Certified Home Health Agency
CHIP	Child Health Improvement Program
CHP	Child Health Plus
CM	Case Management
CMCM	Comprehensive Medicaid Case Management
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
COTA	Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant
CPG	Clinical Practice Guidelines
CPS	Child Protective Services
CPSE	Committee on Preschool Special Education (3-5 years)
CQCAPD	Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities (formerly Commission on Quality of Care for the Mentally Disabled)
CSE	Committee on Special Education (5-21 years)
CSHCN	Children with Special Health Care Needs
CSPD	Comprehensive System of Personnel Development

DD	Developmental Disability
DDPC	Developmental Disability Planning Council
DDSO	Developmental Disabilities Services Office (OPWDD)
DFA	NYS Department of Family Assistance (formerly NYS Dept. of Social Services)
DME	Durable Medical Equipment
D & TC	Diagnostic and Treatment Center
ECDC	Early Childhood Direction Centers
ECO	Early Childhood Outcome Center
EHDI	Early Hearing Detection and Intervention
EHS	Early Head Start
EI	Early Intervention
EICC	Early Intervention Coordinating Council
EIM	Early Intervention Manager
EIO	Early Intervention Official
EIO/D	Early Intervention Official/Designee
EOB	Explanation of Benefits
EPSDT	Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment
ERIC	Educational Resources Information Center
FAP	Families As Partners
FAPE	Free and Appropriate Public Education
FAS	Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
FASD	Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders
FC	Foster Care
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
FM	Fine Motor (skills)
FOIL	Freedom of Information Law
FSS	Family Support Services
GM	Gross Motor (skills)
HCBS	Home and Community-Based Waiver Program
HHS	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization
HPN	Health Provider Network
HR	Home Relief
HRSA	Health Resources and Services Administration (Federal)
ICHAP	Infant-Child Health Assessment Program, now Child Find
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEP	Individual Education Program
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan
IHO	Impartial Hearing Officer
ISC	Initial Service Coordinator
ITCA	Infant Toddler Coordinator Association

LBW	Low Birth Weight
LDSS	Local Department of Social Services
LEICC	Local Early Intervention Coordinating Council
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
LTCC	Long Term Care Council
MAP	Medicaid Assistance Program
MCHB	Maternal and Child Health Bureau
MDE	Multi-Disciplinary Evaluation
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NBHS	Newborn Hearing Screening
NCSEAM	National Center for Special Education Accountability Monitoring
NE	Natural Environments
NICHQ	National Initiative for Child Healthcare Quality
NICU	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
NPI	National Provider Identifier
NYEIS	New York Early Intervention System—data collection system
NYSAC	New York State Association of Counties
NYSACHO	New York State Association of County Health Organizations
NYSDOH	New York State Department of Health
NYSDRA	New York State Dispute Resolution Association
NYSPHL	New York State Public Health Law
OASAS	Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (NYS)
OCFS	Office of Children and Family Services (NYS)
OHIP	Office of Health Insurance Programs (NYSDOH)
OMB	U.S. Office of Management and Budget
OMH	Office of Mental Health (NYS)
OMIG	Office of Medicaid Inspector General (NYS)
OPWDD	Office of People with Developmental Disabilities (NYS)
OSC	Ongoing Service Coordinator
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs
OSERS	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
OTDA	Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (NYS)
OT	Occupational Therapy
PA	Public Assistance
P & A	Protection and Advocacy Program
Part C	Section of IDEA pertaining to children from birth to 3 years of age
PCAP	Prenatal Care Assistance Program
PCP	Primary Care Provider (Physician)
PDD	Pervasive Developmental Disorder (Autism Spectrum)
PHCP	Physically Handicapped Children’s Program (Birth-21 years of age) NYSDOH
PHL	Public Health Law
PICECP	Permanent Interagency Committee on Early Childhood Programs

PL	Public Law
PPN	Prenatal and Perinatal Networks
PRC	Pediatric Resource Center
PT	Physical Therapy
PTA	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTI	Parent Training and Information Center
QA	Quality Assurance
QI	Quality Improvement
SCHIP	State Child Health Insurance Program
SCR	State Central Registry
SED	State Education Department
SETRC	Special Education Training and Resource Center
SID	State Insurance Department
SLP	Speech-Language Pathologist
SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (NYSDOH)
SPP	State Performance Plan
SSA	Social Security Administration (Federal)
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
SW	Social Work
TCM	Targeted Case Management
TRAID	Technology Related Assistance to Individuals with Disabilities (NYS)
TSHH	Teacher of the Speech and Hearing Handicapped
TVI	Teacher of the Visually Impaired
VESID	Office of Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities (NYS)
WIC	Women, Infant and Children (NYSDOH Supplemental Food Program)
WMS	Welfare Management System