



Alphabet Soup: Commonly Used Abbreviations

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |