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Common Acronyms

Becoming fluent in the language of disability is an important step in becoming an effective advocate, can be beneficial in communicating with special education staff, and is a valuable tool in understanding information from medical specialists.

A - C

AAC – Alternative and Augmentative Communication

ABA – Applied Behavior(al) Analysis

ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act

AD/HD – Attention –Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder

(DSM-IV replaced terms ADD and ADHD with this combined term)

ADD – Attention Deficit Disorder (now replaced with AD/HD)

ADHD – Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (now replaced with AD/HD)

ADL – Activities of Daily Living

AGI – Adjusted Gross Income

AIT – Auditory Integration Training

ANS – Autonomic Nervous System

APE – Adaptive Physical Education

ASD – Autism Spectrum Disorder

ASL – American Sign Language

AT – Assistive Technology

AYP – Adequate Yearly Progress

BIP – Behavior(al) Intervention Plan

CAC – Community Alternative Care (Waiver)

CADI – Community Alternatives for Disabled Individuals (Waiver)

CARS – Childhood Autism Rating Scale

CAT Scan – Computer Axial Tomography

CDCS – Consumer Directed Community Supports (Waiver)

CNS – Central Nervous System

COTA – Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant

CF – Cystic Fibrosis

CP – Cerebral Palsy

D - H

DAPE – Developmental Adapted Physical Education
DCD – Developmental Cognitive Disability
DD – Developmental Disability or Delay
DHS – (Minnesota) Department of Human Services
DS – Down Syndrome
DSM-IV – Diagnostic Statistical Manual, Edition 4
DT&H – Day Training and Habilitation
EBD – Emotional and Behavioral Disorder
ECFE – Early Childhood Family Education
ECG – Electrocardiogram
ECSE – Early Childhood Special Education
EEG – Electroencephalogram
EN - Employment Network
ESL – English as a Second Language
ER – Evaluation Report
ESY – Extended School Year

FAPE – Free Appropriate Public Education
FBA – Functional Behavioral Assessment
FC – Facilitated Communication
FDA – Food and Drug Administration
GF/CF – Gluten Free/Casein Free
GRH – Group Residential Housing
HI – Hearing Impaired or Impairment
HCBS – Home and Community-Based Waiver Services

I - M

IADL - Instrumental Activity of Daily Living
ICF/DD – Intermediate Care Facility for Persons with Developmental Disabilities
IDEA – Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
I/DD - Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
IEE – Independent Education Evaluation
IEIBT - Intensive Early Intervention Behavior Therapy (also known as ABA)
IEIC – Interagency Early Intervention Committee
IEP – Individualized Education Program/Plan
IFSP – Individualized Family Service Plan
IIIP – Individualized Interagency Intervention Plan
ILP – Individual Learning Plan
IDD - Intellectual/Developmental Disability

ISD – Independent School District
ISP – Individual Service Plan
ISS – In-School Suspension
LD – Learning Disability
LRE – Least Restrictive Environment

MA – Medical Assistance
MA-EPD – Medical Assistance Employed Persons with Disabilities
MCA – Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments
MDE – Minnesota Department of Education
MDH - Minnesota Department of Health
MRI – Magnetic Resonance Imaging

N - Q

NF – Nursing Facility
NIH – National Institutes of Health
NLD – Nonverbal Learning Disability
OCD – Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
OCR – Office For Civil Rights
ODD – Oppositional Defiant Disorder
OHI – Other Health Impairment
OT – Occupational Therapy or Therapist
PASS - Plan for Achieving Self Support
PCA – Personal Care Assistance or Assistant
PDD – Pervasive Developmental Disorder
PDD/NOS – Pervasive Developmental Disorder, Not Otherwise Specified
PDN - Private Duty Nursing
PE – Physical Education
PECS – Picture Exchange Communication System
PET Scan – Positron Emission Tomography
PI – Physically Impaired
PLAAFP – Present Levels of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance
PLP – Present Level of Performance
PT – Physical Therapy or Therapist

R - Z

RS – Related Services
SEAC – Special Education Advisory Council
SI – Sensory Integration
SIB – Self-Injurious Behavior
SILS – Semi-Independent Living Skills

SLD – Specific Learning Disability
SLP – Speech and Language Pathologist
SLS – Supervised Living Services
SLT – Speech and Language Therapy or Therapist
SMRT – State Medical Review Team
SMI – Severely Multiply Impaired
SSA - Social Security Administration
SSDI - Social Security Disability Income
SSI - Supplemental Security Income
TEFRA – Tax Equity & Fiscal Responsibility Act
TBI – Traumatic Brain Injury
TBI – Traumatic Brain Injury (Waiver)
VI – Visual Impairment

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