



Glossary of Frequently Used Acronyms

Acronym	Acronym Spelled Out	Relevant Link
A		
AAIDD	American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities	www.aaidd.org (formerly known as the American Association on Mental Retardation)
ABA	Applied Behavior Analysis	http://www.iaba.com/
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act	http://www.ada.gov/
ADD	Administration on Developmental Disabilities	http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/add/index.html
AHCA	Florida Agency for Healthcare Administration	http://ahca.myflorida.com/
APBS	Association for Positive Behavior Support	http://www.apbs.org/
APD	Agency for Persons with Disabilities	http://apd.myflorida.com/
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorders	http://www.nichcy.org/Disabilities/Specific/Pages/Autism.aspx
AUCD	Association of University Centers on Disabilities	http://www.aucd.org
B		
BEES	Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services (Florida Department of Education Exceptional Student Education)	http://www.fldoe.org/ese/ese-home.asp
C		
CAC	Consumer Advisory Committee or Community Advisory Committee	http://www.aucd.org/template/page.cfm?id=41
CARD	Center for Autism and Related Disabilities - USF	http://card-usf.fmhi.usf.edu/
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	http://www.cdc.gov/
CMS	Children's Medical Services (Florida state agency)	http://www.cms-kids.com/

CMS	Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services (Federal Government)	http://www.cms.hhs.gov/
COCA	Council on Community Advocacy	http://www.aucd.org/template/page.cfm?id=41
CODIE	Collaborative on Discovery & Innovation in Employment	
CP	Cerebral Palsy	http://www.nichcy.org/Disabilities/Specific/Pages/CerebralPalsy.aspx
D		
DABS	Diagnostic Adaptive Behavior Scale	http://www.aamr.org/content_106.cfm?navID=23
DCF	Florida's Department of Children and Families	http://www.state.fl.us/cf_web/
DD	Developmental Disabilities	http://apd.myflorida.com/about/ (Florida's definition of DD) http://www.acf.hhs.gov/opa/fact_sheets/add_factsheet.html (Federal Definition of DD)
DD Act	The Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act	http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/add/ddact/DDACT2.html
DOE	Department of Education (Florida)	http://www.fldoe.org/
DOH	Department of Health	http://www.doh.state.fl.us/
E		
EI	Early Intervention/ Early Steps (Florida)	http://www.cms-kids.com/earlysteps/
F		
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education	http://www.fapeonline.org/
FCIC	Florida Center for Inclusive Communities	http://flfcic.fmhi.usf.edu/
FDDC	Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc	http://www.fddc.org/
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act	http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpc/ferpa/index.html
FODH	Florida Office on Disability and Health	http://fodh.php.ufl.edu/
H		
HCSO	Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office	http://www.hcso.tampa.fl.us/
HHS	Department of Health and Human Services	http://www.hhs.gov/
HIPPY	Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters	http://www.hippyusa.org/ http://floridahippy.fmhi.usf.edu/index.html (Florida)
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act	http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/index.html
HRSA	Health Resources and Services Administration	http://www.hrsa.gov/
I		

IDD	Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities	http://www.aidd.org/
IDDRC	Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Centers	http://www.aucd.org/ddreportal/template/index.cfm
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act	http://idea.ed.gov/
IEP	Individualized Education Program / Individualized Education Plan	http://www.ed.gov/parents/needs/speced/iepguide/index.html
IES	Institute of Education Sciences	http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ies/index.html
IPE	Individual Plan for Employment	
ISP	Individualized Service Plan / Individualized Support Plan	
L		
LEND	Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities	http://www.aucd.org/template/page.cfm?id=6
M		
MCHB	Maternal and Child Health Bureau	http://mchb.hrsa.gov/
MI	Mental Illness	http://www.nami.org/template.cfm?section=About_Mental_Illness
N		
NAMI	National Alliance on Mental Illness	http://www.nami.org/
NCBDD D	National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities	http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/index.html
NICHD	National Institute on Child Health and Human Development	http://www.nichd.nih.gov/
NIDRR	National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research	http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/nidrr/index.html
NIH	National Institutes of Health	http://www.nih.gov/
NIRS	National Information and Reporting System	http://www.aucd.org/nirs/db/search/index.cfm
NTI	National Training Institute	http://www.nti.unc.edu/about_us.htm
O		
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs	http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/osep/index.html
OSERS	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services	http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/index.html
P		
PASS	Plans for Achieving Self-Supports	http://www.ssa.gov/disabilityresearch/wi/pass.htm

P&A	Protection and Advocacy System (in Florida = Disability Rights Florida)	http://www.napas.org/ http://www.disabilityrightsflorida.org/
PBS	Positive Behavior Support	http://fpbs.fmhi.usf.edu/whatispbs_def.asp
PCA	Personal Care Attendant / Personal Care Assistant	
PCPID	President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities	http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/pcpid/index.html
PEPSA	Partnership for Effective Programs for Students with Autism	http://doepartnership.usf.edu/
PTR	Prevent-Teach-Reinforce	http://cfs.fmhi.usf.edu/project-details.cfm?projectID=286
PWPBS	Program-Wide Positive Behavior Support	http://cfs.fmhi.usf.edu/project-details.cfm?projectID=340
R		
RFA	Request for Applications	http://www.ninds.nih.gov/funding/differences.htm
RFP	Request for Proposals	http://www.ninds.nih.gov/funding/differences.htm
S		
SSA	Social Security Administration	http://www.ssa.gov/
SSI	Supplemental Security Income	http://www.ssa.gov/pgm/links_ssi.htm
SSDI	Social Security Disability Insurance	http://www.ssa.gov/pgm/links_disability.htm
SWPBS	School-Wide Positive Behavior Support	http://fpbs.fmhi.usf.edu
T		
TACSEI	Technical Assistance Center on Social Emotional Intervention for Young Children	http://www.challengingbehavior.org/
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury	http://www.ninds.nih.gov/disorders/tbi/tbi.htm
U		
UCEDD	University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities	http://www.aucd.org
V		
VI	Visual Impairment	http://www.nichcy.org/Disabilities/Specific/Pages/VisualImpairment.aspx
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation	http://www.rehabworks.org/