

Acronyms and Agencies

Listed below are acronyms related to early intervention, education, special education, and other laws important to individuals with disabilities and their families. For related information, also read *Acronyms and the Law*.

Acronym	Agency/Organization
AAIDD	American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
ACB	American Council of the Blind
ADD	Administration on Developmental Disabilities
AED	Academy for Educational Development
AFB	American Foundation for the Blind
AFT	American Federation of Teachers
AG	Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
ALLIANCE	Technical Assistance ALLIANCE for Parent Centers
AOTA	American Occupational Therapy Association
APTA	American Physical Therapy Association
ASDC	American Society for Deaf Children
ARC	(formerly Association for Retarded Citizens)
ASA	Autism Society of America
ASHA	American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
ATA	Alliance for Technology Access
ATRA	American Therapeutic Recreation Association
AUCD	Association of University Centers on Disabilities
BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs or Brain Injury Association
CCD	Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities



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Acronym	Agency/Organization
CEC	Council for Exceptional Children
CHADD	Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
CIL	Center for Independent Living
CLE	Center for Law and Education
CPRC	Community Parent Resource Center
DOE	Department of Education
DRS	Department of Rehabilitative Services
DSS	Department of Social Services
ERIC	Educational Resources Information Center
ESA	Educational Service Agency
FFCMH	Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health
FRC	Federal Resource Center
FV	Family Voices
ICC	Interagency Coordinating Council
IDA	International Dyslexia Association
ILC	Independent Living Center
LDA	Learning Disabilities Association of America
LEA	Local Education Agency
MDA	Muscular Dystrophy Association
NAEYC	National Association for the Education of Young Children
NAMI	National Alliance for the Mentally Ill
NAPVI	National Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments
NASBE	National Association of State Boards of Education

Acronym	Agency/Organization
NASDSE	National Association of State Directors of Special Education
NCD	National Council on Disability
NCIL	National Council on Independent Living
NCPIE	National Coalition for Parent Involvement in Education
NCLD	National Center for Learning Disabilities
NCPC	National Coalition of Parent Centers
NDRN	National Disability Rights Network (formerly NAPAS – National Association of Protection and Advocacy Systems)
NDSC	National Down Syndrome Congress
NDSS	National Down Syndrome Society
NEA	National Education Association
NFB	National Federation for the Blind
NICHCY	National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities (formerly National Information Center for Handicapped Children and Youth)
NICWA	National Indian Child Welfare Association
NIDRR	National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NMHA	National Mental Health Association
NOPBC	National Organization of Parents of Blind Children
NORD	National Organization for Rare Disorders
NPPSIS	National Parent to Parent Support and Information System
OCR	Office for Civil Rights
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OSEP	Office for Special Education Programs

Acronym	Agency/Organization
OSERS	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
P & A	Protection and Advocacy Agency
PBIS	Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports
PIRC	Parent Information and Resource Center
PTI	Parent Training and Information Center
RSA	Rehabilitative Services Agency
SBAA	Spina Bifida Association of America
SEA	State Education Agency
SSA	Social Security Administration
TASH	The Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps
TSA	Tourette Syndrome Association, Inc.
UCP	United Cerebral Palsy Associations