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AAC - Augmentative Alternative Communication
AAMR - American Association on Mental Retardation
AAPD - American Association of People with Disabilities
AAPA - American Association for Retired Persons
ACBO - American Council of the Blind of Ohio
ABA - Applied Behavior Analysis
ADA - Americans with Disabilities Act
ADAAG - Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines
ADA-OHIO - Americans with Disabilities Act Ohio
ADAPT - American Disabled for Attendant Programs Today
ADC - Aid to Dependent Children
ADD - Administration on Developmental Disabilities
ADD - Attention Deficit Disorder (sometimes called ADHD)
ADHD - Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (sometimes called ADD)
ADL - Activities of Daily Living
AFDC - Aid to Families with Dependent Children
AHEAD - Association on Higher Education and Disability
AIDS - Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
AMA - American Medical Association
AMI - Alliance for the Mentally Ill (national)
ANI - Autism Network International
APE - Adaptive Physical Education
APHA - American Public Health Association
APPC - Advocating for Public Policy Change (ODDC grant)
APSE - Association for Persons in Supported Employment (national)
APSI - Adult Protective Services, Inc.
Arc - Arc of the United States (national), Association for Retarded Citizens
ASA - Autism Society of America
ASL - American Sign Language
ASLHA - American Speech - Language Hearing Association
AT - Assistive Technology
AUT - Autism
AWDNO - Artists with Disabilities Network of Ohio
BCMH - Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps (at ODH)
BDD - Bureau of Disability Determination (at RSC)
BI - Brain Injury
BLN - Business Leadership Network
BSVI - Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired (at RSC)
BSW - Bachelor of Social Work
BWC - Bureau of Workers Compensation (state)
BVR - Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation (at RSC)
CAFS - Community Alternative Funding System
CAP - Client Assistance Program
CARF - Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities
CBMRDD - County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities
CCD - Consortium on Citizens with Disabilities
CCD - Community Centers for the Deaf
CCDDD - Cincinnati Children's Division of Developmental Disabilities
CDC - Centers for Disease Control or Childhood Development Center
CEC - Council for Exceptional Children
CEU - Continuing Education Unit
CFR - Code of Federal Regulations
CHADD - Children with Attention Deficit Disorder
CHAS - Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy for Ohio
CMHC - Community Mental Health Center
CMI - Chronically Mentally Ill
CMS - Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (formerly HCFA)
COEDI - Childrens Ohio Eligibility Determination Instrument
COFEAT - Central Ohio Families for Early Autism Treatment
COG - Council of Governments
CP - Cerebral palsy
CPA-Ohio - Cerebral Palsy Association of Ohio
DAS - Department of Administrative Services (Ohio)
DD - Developmental Disabilities
DDC - Developmental Disabilities Council
DNOS - Disability Networks of Ohio - Solidarity, Inc.
DNR - Do Not Resuscitate
DOE - Department of Education
DOJ - Department of Justice
DOL - Department of Labor
DPC - Disability Policy Coalition (Ohio)
DPOA - Durable Power of Attorney
DREDF - Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund
Dx - Diagnosis
EC - Early Childhood
EDGAR - Education Department General Administrative Regulations (national)
EEOC - Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
EI - Early Intervention
ENT - Ear, Nose and Throat
ESY - Extended School Year
ESL - English as a Second Language
EPSDT - Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment Program
FAPE - Free Appropriate Public Education
FAS - Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
FC - Facilitated Communication
FERPA - Family Educational Rights to Privacy Act
FIN - Family Information Network (Ohio)
FFY - Federal Fiscal Year
FHA - Fair Housing Act
FMLA - Family Medical Leave Act
FRS - Family Resource Services
FSA - Family Support Act
FSC - Family Support Collaborative
FSP - Family Support Plan
FTA - Federal Transit Authority
GAL - Guardian ad Litem
GCPD - Governor’s Council on People with Disabilities
GLARRC - Great Lakes Area Regional Resource Center (ADA technical information)
HCBS - Home and Community Based Services
HCFA - Health Care Financing Administration (now known as the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, or CMS)
HHA - Home Health Agency
HHS - Health and Human Services (federal)
HI or HOH - Hard of Hearing
HI - Hearing Impaired
HIPPA - Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996
HIV - Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HMO - Health Maintenance Organization
HOH - Hard of Hearing
HUD - Housing and Urban Development (federal)
Hx - History
I & R - Information and Referral
IBMFE - Intervention Based Multi-Factored Evaluation
ICF - Intermediate Care Facility
ICF-MR - Intermediate Care Facility - Mental Retardation
ICP - Individualized Career Plan
ICU - Intensive Care Unit
IDEA - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (formerly known as P.L. 94-142 or Education for the Handicapped Act [EHA])
IDP - Inter-Disciplinary Plan
IEE - Individualized Education Evaluation
IEP - Individualized Education Plan
IFA - Individualized Functional Assessment
IFSP - Individualized Family Service Plan
IHO - Impartial Hearing Officer
IHP - Individualized Habilitation Plan
IL - Independent Living
ILC - Independent Living Center
IO - Individual Options Waiver
ILC - Independent Living Center
IPE - Individualized Plan for Employment
IPP - Individualized Program Plan
IQ - Intelligence Quotient
IRWE - Impairment Related Work Expense
ISP - Individualized Service Plan
ITP - Individualized Transition Plan
IWRP - Individualized Written Rehabilitation Plan
JTPA - Job Training Partnership Act
LD - Learning disability (sometimes called SLD)
LDA - Learning Disabilities Association (national)
LEA - Local Education Agency
LISW - Licensed Independent Social Worker
LOC - Level of Care
LRE - Least Restrictive Environment
LSC - Legislative Services Commission
LTC - Long-Term Care
LTCF - Long-Term Care Facility
LT COP - Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program
MBI - Medicaid Buy-In
MCHB - Maternal and Child Health Bureau (federal division of HHS)
MCS - Multiple Chemical Sensitivity
MD - Muscular Dystrophy
MH - Multiply Handicapped
MI - Mentally Ill
MR - Mental Retardation or Mentally Retarded
MRDD - Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities
MRI - Magnetic Resonance Imaging
MS - Multiple Sclerosis
MSA - Medical Savings Account
MUI - Major Unusual Incident
NADDC - National Association of DD Councils
NAHA - National Affordable Housing Act
NAMI - National Alliance for the Mentally Ill
NAPAS - National Association of Protection and Advocacy Systems
NASDSE - National Association of State Directors of Special Education
NCBDD - National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (at CDC)
NCPAD - National Center on Physical Activity and Disability
NDSS - National Down Syndrome Society
NF - Nursing Facility
NFB - National Federation for the Blind
NEA - National Education Association
NICHCY - National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities
NICU - Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
NIDRR - National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research
NIH - National Institutes of Health
NOD - National Organization for Disabilities
NOFA - Notice of Funds Available
NP - Nurse Practitioner
NPND - National Parents Network on Disabilities
NPO – Nothing by Mouth
NPRC - National Parent Resource Center
OAAS - Ohio Association of Adult Services
OACBMRDD - Ohio Association of County Boards of MRDD
OAMH - Ohio Advocates for Mental Health
OBIA - Ohio Brain Injury Association
OBRA - Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
OCECD - Ohio Coalition for Education of Children with Disabilities
OCIL - Ohio Center for Independent Living
OCR - Office of Civil Rights
OCRC - Ohio Civil Rights Commission
ODA - Ohio Department of Aging
ODADAS - Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services
ODDC - Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council
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SSD - Social Security Disability
SSDI - Social Security Disability Insurance
SSI - Supplemental Security Income
TANF - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
TASH - Formerly, The Association for the Severely Handicapped
TBI - Traumatic Brain Injury
TDD - Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (Hard-of-Hearing, Deaf-Blind, and Speech-Disabled) (sometimes called TTY)
TESOL - Teachers of English for Speakers of Other Languages
TPP - Transition Planning Process
TS - Tourette’s Syndrome
TTY - Teletypewriter for the Deaf (Hard-of-Hearing, Deaf-Blind, and Speech-Disabled) (sometimes called TDD)
Tx - Treatment
TWWIIA - Ticket to Work & Work Incentives Improvement Act (federal)
UAF - University Affiliated Facility
UCPA - United Cerebral Palsy Association (national)
UHCAN - United Health Care Action Network
VA - Veterans Administration
VR - Vocational Rehabilitation
VSA - Vision, Strength & Artistic Expression (national and state) - Arts
W3C - World Wide Web Consortium
WAI - Web Accessibility Initiative
WAIS - Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale (psychological evaluation)
WE - Work Evaluation
WIC - Women, Infants and Children program
WISC - Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children (psychological evaluation) (sometimes called WISC-R or WISC-III)
YLF - Youth Leadership Forum