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Autism Empowerment's List of Acronyms for Autism and Scouting

Here is a list of acronyms you may hear or see when working with a family that has a youth who is on the autism spectrum. This also includes scouting acronyms and acronyms common to the special education community.

AAC = Assistive Augmentative Communication or Alternative Augmentative Communication
ABA = Applied Behavioral Analysis
ABC = Antecedent, Behavior, Consequence
ADA = American with Disabilities Act
ADD / ADHD = Attention Deficit Disorder / Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ADOS = Autism Diagnostic Observation Scale
ADR = Alternative Dispute Resolution
AEIE = Accept, Enrich, Inspire, Empower – Autism Empowerment's 4 Foundational Pillars
AER = Autism Empowerment Radio
AIT = Auditory Integration Training
APE = Adaptive Physical Education
APR = Annual Performance Report
AS = Asperger Syndrome or Asperger's Syndrome
ASD = Autism Spectrum Disorder(s)
ASL = American Sign Language
ASR = Autism and Scouting Radio
AT = Assistive Technology
AYP = Adequate Yearly Progress
BD = Behavioral Disorder
BIP = Behavior Intervention Plan
BMP = Behavior Management Plan
BOE = Board of Education
BSA = Boy Scouts of America
CAPD = Central Auditory Processing Disorder
CAPTA = Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act
CBA = Curriculum Based Assessment
CC = Closed Captioning
CD = Cognitive Disability
CDC = Center for Disease Control and Prevention

CEC = Council for Exceptional Children
CF = Cystic Fibrosis
CP = Cerebral Palsy
DA = Developmental Age
DD = Developmental Delay
DDA = Developmental Disabilities Association
DDC = Developmental Disabilities Council
DS = Down syndrome
DSHS = Department of Social and Health Services – oversees the social services provided to the citizens of Washington State.
DSM-IV = Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (4th edition) by the American Psychiatric Association
DSM-V = Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (5th edition) by the American Psychiatric Association
ECC = Early Childhood Center (in Vancouver, WA)
ECE = Early Childhood Education
ED = U.S. Department of Education
EHDI – Early Hearing Detection and Intervention
EI = Early Intervention
EIS = Early Intervention Services
ELL = English Language Learner
ESD = Educational School District
ESD = Extended School Day
ESL = English as a Second Language
ESY = Extended School Year
FAPE = Free and Appropriate Public Education
FAS = Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
FBA = Functional Behavioral Assessment
FERPA = Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
FOIA = Freedom of Information Act
GE = General Education
GF = Gluten Free
GFCF = Gluten free, Casein Free
GSA = Girl Scouts of America
GT = Gifted and Talented
HI = Hearing Impaired
HF = High-functioning
HFA = High-functioning Autism
HoH = Hard of Hearing
HQT = Highly Qualified Teacher
IA = Instructional Assistant
ID = Intellectual Disabilities
IDEA = Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEE = Individualized Educational Evaluation
IEP = Individualized Education Program
IFSP = Individualized Family Service Plan
IHE = Institute of Higher Education
ISAP = Individualized Scout Advancement Plan

ITCA = Infants and Toddlers Coordination Association
ITP = Individualized Transition Plan
LD = Learning Disabled or Learning Disability
LEA = Local Education Agency
LEP = Limited English Proficiency
LFA = Low-functioning Autism
LRE = Least Restrictive Environment
MA = Mental Age
MD = Muscular Dystrophy
MD = Multiple Disabilities
MDR = Manifestation Determination Review
NASDSE = National Association of State Directors of Special Education
NCLB = No Child Left Behind Act (Elementary and Secondary Education Act)
NIH = National Institutes of Health
NIMH = National Institute of Mental Health
NT = Neurotypical
OCD = Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
OCR = Office for Civil Rights (A part of the U.S. Dept. of Education responsible for enforcing Section 504)
ODD = Oppositional Defiant Disorder
OHI = Other Health Impairment
OI = Orthopedic Impairment
OSEP = Office of Special Education Programs, U.S. Department of Education
OT = Occupational Therapy
P&A = Protection and Advocacy
PALS = Peer-Assisted Learning System
PASS = Plan for Achieving Self-Support
PBIS = Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports
PCA = Personal Care Attendant
PD = Physical Disability
PDD = Pervasive Developmental Disorder
PDD-NOS = Pervasive Developmental Disorder-Not Otherwise Specified – Not otherwise Specified
PECS = Picture Exchange Communication System
PLEP or **PLP** – Present Level of Educational Performance
PP = Paraprofessional
PS = Preschool
PT = Physical Therapy
PTI = Parent Training and Information Center
RFP = Request for Proposals
RS = Related Services
RTI = Response to Intervention
SAP = School Age Parents
SAS = Supplementary Aids and Services
SB = Spina Bifida
SCHIP = State Children's Health Insurance Program
SCIP = Social Communication Integration Program
SDD = Significant Developmental Delay
SEA = State Education Agency
SEAC = Special Education Advisory Committee

SED = Serious Emotional Disturbance
SI = Sensory Integration
SLD = Specific Learning Disability
SLI = Speech / Language Impairment
SLP = Speech Language Pathologist
SPED or **SE** = Special Education
SPD = Sensory Processing Disorder
SPOA = Specific Power of Attorney
SSDI = Social Security Disability Income
SSI = Supplemental Security Income
STEM = Science, Technology, Engineering Mathematics
Stim = Self-Stimulating Behaviors or “Stimming”
SI = Sensory Integration
SSI = Supplemental Security Income
TA&D = Technical Assistance and Dissemination Network funded by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)
TANF = Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
TBI = Traumatic Brain Injury
TDD = Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf
TS = Tourette syndrome
TTY = Teletypewriter (phone system for the deaf)
TWWIIA = Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act
VI = Visual Impairment
Voc Ed = Vocational Education
VR = Vocational Rehabilitation
WIC = Women, Infants and Children (Special Supplemental Food Program)
WWC = What Works Clearinghouse (Institute of Educational Sciences)
WWSWD = Working with Scouts with Disabilities

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