

Commonly Used Acronyms

ACF	Administration for Children and Families	CPI	Consumer Price Index
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act	CTF	Children's Trust Fund
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder	CQI	Continuous Quality Improvement
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	CSPD	Comprehensive System of Personnel Development
AIT	Automated Information Technologies	DCF	Department for Children & Families (formerly DSS)
AIT	Auditory Integration Therapy	DEC	Division of Early Childhood
AMCHP	Association of Maternal Child Health Programs	DD	Developmental Disability
APR	Annual Performance Report	DDS	Department of Developmental Services
ASE	Administrators for Special Education	DDC	Developmental Disabilities Council
AV	Audio Visual	DESE	Department of Elementary & Secondary Education
AVT	Auditory Verbal Therapy	DLC	Disabilities Law Center
BD	Behavioral Disability	DMA	Division of Medical Assistance (Medicaid)
BFCH	Bureau of Family and Community Health	DMH	Department of Mental Health
BSEA	Bureau of Special Education Appeals (within DOE)	DNR	Do Not Resuscitate
BTP	Bureau of Transitional Planning (see Chapter 688)	DOI	Division of Insurance
CAPTA	Child Abuse Prevention & Treatment Act	DPECSHN	Division for Perinatal, Early Childhood & Special Health Needs
CASSP	Child Adolescent Services System Program	DPH	Department of Public Health
CBHI	Children's Behavioral Health Initiative	DS	Developmental Specialist
CCR&R	Child Care Resource & Referral Agency	DTA	Department of Transitional Assistance
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	DV	Domestic Violence
CEC	Council for Exceptional Children	ECO	Early Childhood Outcome
CEIS	Certification for Early Intervention Specialists	EDC	Education Development Center
CHNA	Community Health Network Area	EEC	Department of Early Education and Care
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	EI	Early Intervention
CMSP	Children's Medical Security Plan	ED	Emotional Disability
CP	Cerebral Palsy	EHS	Early Head Start
CPC	Community Partnerships for Children	EOHHS	Executive Office of Health and Human Services

EPSDT	Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment	MAHMO	Mass. Association of Health Maintenance Organizations
FCSN	Federation for Children with Special Needs	MASS	Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education	MASSPAC	MA Association of Special Education Parent Advisory Councils
FERPA	Family Education Rights and Privacy Act	MCAD	Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination
FFP	Federal Financial Participation	MCAS	Mass. Comprehensive Assessment System
FM	Focused Monitoring	MCB	Massachusetts Commission for the Blind
F.O.R. Families	Follow-Up Outreach Referral for Families	MCDHH	Mass. Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
FR	Federal Register	MCH	Maternal Child Health
HCFP	Health Care Finance and Policy	MCHB	Maternal Child Health Bureau
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act	MDDC	Massachusetts Developmental Disabilities Council
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization	MECCS	MA Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Project
ICC	Interagency Coordinating Council	MEIC	Massachusetts Early Intervention Consortium
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act	MECLI	Massachusetts Early Childhood Linkages Initiative
IEE	Independent Education Evaluation	MFC	Massachusetts Family Center
IEP	Individualized Education Program	MFN	Massachusetts Family Network
IEU	Intermediate Educational Unit	MR	Mental Retardation
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan	MRC	Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission
IHE	Institute of Higher Education	MSPCC	Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children
IHP	Individualized Health Plan	NAEYC	National Association for the Education of Young Children
ISP	Individual Service Plan	NCLB	No Child Left Behind
ITP	Individual Transition Plan (Chapter 688)	NCSEAM	National Center for Special Education Accountability and Monitoring
ITSS	Infant Toddler Service Summit	NECTAC	National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center
LD	Learning Disability	NICHCY	National Information Center for Children & Youth with Disabilities
LEA	Local Education Agency (or school system)	NICHD	National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
LDA	Learning Disability Association	NICU	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
LRE	Least Restrictive (educational) Environment	NIMH	National Institute for Mental Health
MAAPS	Massachusetts Assoc. of 766 Approved Private Schools	NPRM	Notice of Proposed Rule-Making
MAC	Massachusetts Advocacy Center	NVLD	Non-Verbal Learning Disability

O & B	Orientation & Mobility	RFP	Request for Proposal
OCD	Obsessive Compulsive Disorder	RFR	Request for Response
OCR	Office of Civil Rights (of U.S. Department of Justice)	RN	Registered Nurse
ODD	Oppositional Defiance Disorder	SAC	Statewide Advisory Council
OMB	Office of Management and Budget	SAFE	Schools Are For Everyone
OSC	Office of the State Comptroller	SEA	State Education Agency
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs (<i>U.S. DOE</i>)	SECTION 619	Preschool Section of the IDEA
OSERS	Office of Special Education & Rehabilitative Services (<i>U.S. Department of Education</i>)	SED	Severe Emotional Disturbance
OT	Occupational Therapy	SEPAC	Special Education Parent Advisory Council
PA	Prior Approval / Prior Authorization	SI	Sensory Integration
PAC	Parent Advisory Council	SIG	State Improvement Grant
PAL	Parent and Professional Advocacy League	SLP	Speech/ Language Pathologist
PART B	Special Education (ages 3 to 22) of IDEA	SPAN	Special Needs Advocacy Network
PART C	Early Intervention (birth to three) of IDEA	SPED	Special Education
PC	Parent Contact (volunteer parent within an EI Program)	SPEDPAC	Special Education Parent Advisory Council
PCAS	Provisional Certification with Advanced Standing	SPP	State Performance Plan
PD	Program Director (for an EI Program)	SSI	Supplemental Security Income (Social Security)
PDD	Pervasive Developmental Disorder	SSDI	Social Security Disability Income
PDD-NOS	Pervasive Developmental Disorder-Not Otherwise Specified	SSP	Specialty Service Provider
PE	Physical Education	SW	Social Worker
PL	Parent Liaison (paid parent hired by an EI Program)	TA	Technical Assistance
PQA	Program Quality Assurance	TAC	Transition Advisory Committee (Chapter 688)
PSTP	Program Specific Treatment Plan	TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
RCP	Regional Consultation Program	TASH	The Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps
PT	Physical Therapy	TTY	Telephone Typewriter
PTI	Parent Training and Information	TVI	Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments
PTO	Parent Teacher Organizations		
PTSD	Post Traumatic Stress Disorder		