

Commonly Used Acronyms

ACF	Administration for Children and Families	CPC	Community Partnerships for Children
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act	CPI	Consumer Price Index
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder	CTF	Children's Trust Fund
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	CQI	Continuous Quality Improvement
AMCHP	Association of Maternal Child Health Programs	CSPD	Comprehensive System of Personnel Development
APR	Annual Performance Report	DCF	Department for Children & Families (formerly DSS)
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorder	DEC	Division of Early Childhood
AT	Assistive technology	DD	Developmental Disability
AV	Audio Visual	DDS	Department of Developmental Services
AVT	Auditory Verbal Therapy	DESE	Department of Elementary & Secondary Education
BD	Behavioral Disability	DLC	Disability Law Center
BFHN	Bureau of Family Health & Nutrition	DMA	Division of Medical Assistance (Medicaid)
BSEA	Bureau of Special Education Appeals (within DOE)	DMH	Department of Mental Health
BTP	Bureau of Transitional Planning (see Chapter 688)	DNR	Do Not Resuscitate
CAPTA	Child Abuse Prevention & Treatment Act	DOI	Division of Insurance
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
CEID	Certification for Early Intervention Directors	ECTA	Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center
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
CI	Confidence Interval	ED	Emotional Disability
CMSP	Children's Medical Security Plan	EHS	Early Head Start
CP	Cerebral Palsy	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	MASSPAC	MA Association of Special Education Parent Advisory Councils
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education	MCAD	Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination
FERPA	Family Education Rights and Privacy Act	MCAS	Mass. Comprehensive Assessment System
FFP	Federal Financial Participation	MCB	Massachusetts Commission for the Blind
FM	Focused Monitoring	MCDHH	Mass. Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
F.O.R. Families	Follow-Up Outreach Referral for Families	MCH	Maternal Child Health
FR	Federal Register	MCHB	Maternal Child Health Bureau
HCFP	Health Care Finance and Policy	MDDC	Massachusetts Developmental Disabilities Council
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act	MECCS	MA Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Project
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization	MEIC	Massachusetts Early Intervention Consortium
ICC	Interagency Coordinating Council	MECLI	Massachusetts Early Childhood Linkages Initiative
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act	MFC	Massachusetts Family Center
IEE	Independent Education Evaluation	MFN	Massachusetts Family Network
IEP	Individualized Education Program	MRC	Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission
IEU	Intermediate Educational Unit	MSPCC	Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children
IFS	Impact Family Scale	NAEYC	National Association for the Education of Young Children
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan	NCLB	No Child Left Behind
IHE	Institute of Higher Education	NCSEAM	National Center for Special Education Accountability and Monitoring
IHP	Individualized Health Plan	NICHD	National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
ISP	Individual Service Plan	NICU	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
ITP	Individual Transition Plan (Chapter 688)	NIH	National Institutes of Health
LD	Learning Disability	NIMH	National Institute of Mental Health
LEA	Local Education Agency (or school system)	NPRM	Notice of Proposed Rule-Making
LDA	Learning Disability Association	NVLD	Non-Verbal Learning Disability
LRE	Least Restrictive (educational) Environment	O & B	Orientation & Mobility
MAAPS	Massachusetts Assoc. of 766 Approved Private Schools	OCD	Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
MAC	Massachusetts Advocacy Center	OCR	Office of Civil Rights (of U.S. Department of Justice)

ODD	Oppositional Defiance Disorder	SEAC	Special Education Advisory Council
OMB	Office of Management and Budget	SECTION 619	Preschool Section of the IDEA
OSC	Office of the State Comptroller	SEPAC	Special Education Parent Advisory Council
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs (U.S. DOE)	SI	Sensory Integration
OSERS	Office of Special Education & Rehabilitative Services (U.S. Department of Education)	SIG	State Improvement Grant
OT	Occupational Therapy	SIMR	State Identified Measurable Result
PA	Physician's Assistant	SLP	Speech/ Language Pathologist
PAC	Parent Advisory Council	SPAN	Special Needs Advocacy Network
PAL	Parent /Professional Advocacy League	SPDG	State Personnel Development Grant
PART B	Special Education (ages 3 to 22) of IDEA	SPED	Special Education
PART C	Early Intervention (birth to three) of IDEA	SPEDPAC	Special Education Parent Advisory Council
PC	Parent Contact (volunteer parent within an EI Program)	SPP	State Performance Plan
PD	Program Director (for an EI Program)	SSDI	Social Security Disability Income
PE	Physical Education	SSI	Supplemental Security Income (Social Security)
PL	Parent Liaison (paid parent hired by an EI Program)	SSIP	State Systemic Improvement Plan
PQA	Program Quality Assurance	SSP	Specialty Service Provider (Autism, Teacher of the Deaf, Teacher of the Blind)
RCP	Regional Consultation Program	SW	Social Worker
PT	Physical Therapy	TA	Technical Assistance
PTI	Parent Training and Information at Federation for Children with Special Needs	TAC	Transition Advisory Committee (Chapter 688)
PTO	Parent Teacher Organizations	TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
PTSD	Post Traumatic Stress Disorder	TASH	The Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps
RFI	Request for Interest	TTY	Telephone Typewriter
RFP	Request for Proposal	TVI	Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments
RFR	Request for Response	UCEDD	University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities
RN	Registered Nurse		
SEA	State Education Agency		