



Commonly Used Acronyms

AABR Automated auditory brainstem response (Hearing test)

AAP American Academy of Pediatrics

ACCESS Associate Degree Early Childhood Teacher Educators

ACF Administration for Children & Families

ADA Americans with Disabilities Act

ADD Attention Deficit Disorder

ADHD Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

AMCHP Association of Maternal Child Health Programs

AOTA American Occupational Therapy Association

APR Annual Performance Report

APTA American Physical Therapy Association

ASD Autism Spectrum Disorder

ASHA American Speech-Language Hearing Association

ASTHVI Association of State and Tribal Home Visiting Initiatives

AT Assistive technology

AUCD Association of University Centers on Disabilities

AV Audio Visual

AVT Auditory Verbal Therapy

BD Behavioral Disability

BIP Behavioral Intervention Plan

BSEA Bureau of Special Education Appeals

CAEP Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation

CAPTA Child Abuse Prevention & Treatment Act

CBHI Children's Behavioral Health Initiative

CCR&R Child Care Resource & Referral Agency

CCSSO Council of Chief State School Officers

CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CEC Council for Exceptional Children

CEEDAR Collaboration for Effective Educator Development, Accountability and Reform

CEELO Center on Enhancing Early Learning Outcomes

CHEA Council for Higher Education Accreditation

CHNA Community Health Network Area

CFR Code of Federal Regulations

CI Cochlear Implant



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CMS Center for Medicaid & Medicare Services	DMA Division of Medical Assistance (Medicaid)
COTA Certified Occupational Therapist	DMH Department of Mental Health
CP Cerebral Palsy	DNR Do Not Resuscitate
CPC Community Partnerships for Children	DOI Division of Insurance
CPI Consumer Price Index	DPH Department of Public Health
CSEFEL Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning	DS Developmental Specialist
CSHCN Children with Special Health Care Needs	DTA Department of Transitional Assistance
CTF Children's Trust Fund	DV Domestic Violence
CQI Continuous Quality Improvement	EC Early Childhood
CSPD Comprehensive System of Personnel Development	ECE Early Childhood Education
DaSy Center for IDEA Early Childhood Data Systems	ECO Early Childhood Outcomes
DCF Department for Children & Families	ECPC Early Childhood Personnel Center
DCYF Department of Youth and Families	ECO Early Childhood Outcome
DEC Division for Early Childhood of CEC	ECSE Early Childhood Special Education
DD Developmental Disability	ECTA Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center
DDS Department of Developmental Services	EDC Education Development Center
DESE Department of Elementary & Secondary Education	edTPA Education Teacher Performance Assessment
DLC Disability Law Center	EEC Early Education and Care
	EI Early Intervention
	ED Emotional Disability
	EHS Early Head Start



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EPSDT Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment

ESEA Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965

ESSA Every Student Succeeds Act

FAFSA Free Application for Federal Student Aid

FAPE Free Appropriate Public Education

FBA Functional Behavioral Assessment

FE Family Engagement

FERPA Family Education Rights and Privacy Act

FFP Federal Financial Participation

FR Federal Register

FV Family Voices Organization

GPRA Government Performance and Results Act

HBCU Historically Black Colleges and Universities

HECSE Higher Education Consortium for Special Education

HHS Health and Human Services

HIPAA Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

HLPs CEC High Leverage Practices

HMO Health Maintenance Organization

ICC Interagency Coordinating Council

IDD Intellectual Developmental Disability

IDEA Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

IEE Independent Education Evaluation

IEP Individualized Education Program

IEU Intermediate Educational Unit

IFS Impact Family Scale

IFSP Individualized Family Service Plan

IHE Institute of Higher Education

IHP Individualized Health Plan

ISEI International Society on Early Intervention

ISP Individual Service Plan

ITCA IDEA Infant Toddler Coordinators Association

ITP Individual Transition Plan

IYC Infants and Young Children

JEI Journal of Early Intervention

LD Learning Disability

LDA Learning Disability Association

LEA Local Education Agency (or school system)



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LEND Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and related Disabilities

LRE Least Restrictive (educational) Environment

MCH Maternal Child Health

MCHB Maternal Child Health Bureau

MSIP USDOE OSEP's Monitoring and State Improvement Planning Division

NAECTE National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators

NAEYC National Association for the Education of Young Children

NASP National Association of School Psychologists

NBPTS National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

NCLB No Child Left Behind

NCPMI National Center for Pyramid Model Innovation

NCSEAM National Center for Special Education Accountability and Monitoring

NDRN National Disability Rights Network

NHSA National Head Start Association

NICHD National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

NICHY National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities

NICU Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

NIH National Institutes of Health

NIMH National Institute of Mental Health

NP Nurse Practitioner

NPRM Notice of Proposed Rule-Making

NVLD Non-Verbal Learning Disability

OAE Otoacoustics emissions (hearing test)

O & M Orientation & Mobility (for visually impaired)

OCD Obsessive Compulsive Disorder

OCR Office of Civil Rights (U.S. DOJ)

ODD Oppositional Defiance Disorder

OEC Office of Early Childhood

OEL Office of Early Learning

OMB Office of Management and Budget

OSC Office of the State Comptroller

OSEP Office of Special Education Programs (U.S. DOE)

OSERS Office of Special Education & Rehabilitative Services (U.S. DOE)

OT Occupational Therapy



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NASDSE National Association of State Directors of Special Education

NASDTEC National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification

NGA National Governors Association

NHSA National Head Start Association

p2p Parent to Parent

P2P Power to the Profession

PA Physician's Assistant

PAC Parent Advisory Council

PART B Special Education (ages 3 to 22) of IDEA

Part B 619 Section 619 of IDEA (3-5 years)

PART C Early Intervention (birth to three) of IDEA

PBIS Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports

PCA Personal Care Attendant

PDG-B5 Preschool Development Grants Birth to 5

PE Physical Education

PQA Program Quality Assurance

PT Physical Therapy

PTA Parent Teacher Association

PTI Parent Training and Information

PTO Parent Teacher Organizations

PTSD Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

RDA Results Driven Accountability

RFA Request for Application

RFI Request for Interest

RFP Request for Proposal

RFR Request for Response

RN Registered Nurse

RPs DEC Recommended Practices

RSA Rehabilitation Services Administration

RTP Research to Practice

SAMSA Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

SAC State Advisory Council

SAP State Advisory Panel

SEA State Education Agency

SEAC Special Education Advisory Council

Section 504 Section of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

SEPAC Special Education Parent Advisory Council

SI Sensory Integration

SIG State Improvement Grant



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SIMR State Identified Measurable Result	TECSE Topics in Early Childhood Special Education Journal
SLP Speech/ Language Pathologist	TESE Teacher Education and Special Education Journal
SPDG State Personnel Development Grant	Title V of the Social Security Act administered by DHHS
SPE or SPED Special Education	TOD Teacher of the Deaf or Hard of Hearing
SPEDPAC Special Education Parent Advisory Council	TTY Telephone Typewriter
SPP State Performance Plan	TVI Teacher of the Visually Impaired
SSA Social Security Administration	UCEDD University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities
SSDI Social Security Disability Income	USDOE U.S. Department of Education
SSI Supplemental Security Income	VR Vocational Rehabilitation
SSIP State Systemic Improvement Plan	WIOA Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act
SSP Specialty Service Provider (Autism, Teacher of the Deaf, Teacher of the Blind)	YC Young Children
STEM Science, Technology, Engineering and Math	YEC Young Exceptional Children
STEMI²E² STEM Innovation for Inclusion in Early Education Center	ZTT Zero to Three
SW Social Worker	
TA Technical Assistance	
TANF Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	
TASH The Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps	
TED Teacher Education Division of CEC	