GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS
AND TERMS
RELATED TO
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS AND TERMS

AAMR: American Association on Mental Retardation (formerly Mental Deficiency).

AAUAP: The American Association of University Affiliated Programs for Persons with Developmental Disabilities.

ABE: Adult Basic Education.

ACB: American Council of the Blind.

ACCH: Association for the Care of Children's Health.

ACT: Advocating Change Together.

ACYF: Administration for Children, Youth and Families.

ADA: Americans with Disabilities Act.

ADAMHA: Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration.

ADA--MN: American Diabetes Association, Minnesota Affiliate.

ADD: Administration on Developmental Disabilities (Washington, DC).

ADM: Average Daily Membership.

AEDs: Antiepileptic drugs.

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CRC: Certified Rehabilitation Counselor.

CS: Child Status (State Services for the Blind).

CSA: Certified Staff Association (of Educational Cooperative Service Units).

CSAAC: Community Services for Autistic Adults and Children (Maryland).

CSP: Community Support Project (of Mental Health Division, Department of Human Services).

CSPA: Council of State Planning Agencies.

CSPD: Comprehensive System of Personnel Development (Special Education).

CSSA: Community Social Services Act.

DAC: Developmental Achievement Center.

D/APE: Developmental/Adaptive Physical Education.

D/B: Deaf-Blind.

DD: Developmental Disabilities.

DDD: Developmental Disabilities Program Division (of the Department of Human Services).
DEAF: Deafness, Education and Advocacy Foundation.

DHHS: Department of Health and Human Services (Washington, DC).

DHS: Department of Human Services (Minnesota).

DI: Disability Insurance.

DJT: Department of Jobs and Training.

DLC: Developmental Learning Center.

DOD: Department of Defense (Washington, DC).

DOE: Department of Energy (Washington, DC).

DOE: Department of Education (Washington, DC).

DOJ: Department of Justice (Washington, DC).

DOL: Department of Labor (Washington, DC).

DOT: Department of Transportation (Washington, DC).

DRS: Division for Rehabilitative Services (*federal* level); Division for Rehabilitation Services (*state* level)

DSD: Deaf Services Division (of the Department of Human Services).

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EIS: Environmental Impact Statement.

EMH: Educable Mentally Handicapped.

EMR: Educable Mentally Retarded.

EPA: Environmental Protection Agency.

EPS: Early and Periodic Screening.

EPS: Educational Planning Service (of Educational Cooperative Service Unit).

EPSDT: Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment.

EQB: Environmental Quality Board.


E.S.P.: Epilepsy Support Program.

FAA: Federal Aviation Administration.

FAP: Facilitator for Alternative Programs (Special Education).

FAPE: Free Appropriate Public Education.

FDA: Food and Drug Administration.

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FFP: Federal Financial Participation.

FFY: Federal Fiscal Year.

FHA: Federal Housing Authority.

FHWA: Federal Highway Administration.


FmHA: Farmer’s Home Administration.

FMLA: Family and Medical Leave Act.

FMR: Fair Market Rent.

FR: Federal Register.

FTE: Full-Time Equivalent.

GA: General Assistance.

GAMC: General Assistance Medical Care.

GAO: General Accounting Office.

GJTC: Governor’s Job Training Council.

GPCDD: Governor’s Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities.


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MCH: Minnesota Committee for the Handicapped.

MCH/SCH: Maternal and Child Health and Services for Children with Handicaps.

MCIL: Metropolitan Center for Independent Living.

MCIS: Minnesota Career Information System (Minnesota Department of Education).

MCQE: Minnesota Council on Quality Education.

MCRDD: Minnesota Center for Research on Developmental Disabilities.

MCRTC: Minnesota Council of Residential Treatment Centers.

MDA: Muscular Dystrophy Association.

MDBA: Minnesota Deaf-Blind Association.

MDE: Minnesota Department of Education.

MEA: Minnesota Education Association.

MECC: Minnesota Educational Computing Cooperative.


MEED: Minnesota Educators of Emotionally Disturbed.

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MFBHS: Minnesota Foundation for Better Hearing and Speech.

MFT: Minnesota Federation of Teachers.

MG: Myasthenia Gravis.

MH: Mental Health.

MH: Mentally Handicapped.

MHFA: Minnesota Housing Finance Agency.

MHPD: Mental Health Program Division (Department of Human Services).

MI: Mental Illness.

MI/HI: Mentally Ill/Hearing Impaired.

MIMC: Minnesota Instructional Materials Center.

MinnABA: Minnesota Association for Behavior Analysts.

MINE: Minnesota Information Network for Educators.

MLC: Minnesota Learning Center.

MMDC: Mid-Minnesota Development Commission.

MNABA: Minnesota Association of Behavior Analysts.

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POHI: Physically and Other Health Impaired (Persons).

PSS: Preschool Screening Program.

PT: Physical Therapist.

PTSA: Parents, Teachers, Students Association.

PWI: Projects with Industry.

PY: Planning Year.

QMRP: Qualified Mental Retardation Professional.

RCAM: Rehabilitation Counselor Association of Minnesota (of the Minnesota Rehabilitation Association).

RCSPD: Regional Comprehensive System of Personnel Development.

RDC: Regional Development Commission.

RDC: Regional Directors' Council (Special Education).

RFP: Request for Proposal.

RRTC: Rehabilitation Research and Training Center.

RSA: Rehabilitation Services Administration.

RSC: Regional Service Center (for hearing impaired persons).

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RSDI: Retirement, Survivors & Disability Insurance (also OASDI).

RSS: Regional Service Specialist.

RSVP: Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

RTB: Radio Talking Book Network (State Services for the Blind).

RTC: Regional Treatment Center.

S. or S.B.: Senate Bill.

SBA: Small Business Administration.

SBAM: Spina Bifida Association of Minnesota.

SBCC: State Board of Community Colleges.

SBVTE: State Board for Vocational-Technical Education.


SCH: Services for Children with Handicaps.

SD: Standard Deviation.

SDA: Service Delivery Area (of JTPA).

SDE: State Department of Education.

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SE: Special Education.

SEA: State Education Agency.

SEAC: Special Education Advisory Committee.

SEIMC: Special Education Instructional Materials Center.

SELOs: Special Education Learning Outcomes.

SEMCILP: Southeastern Minnesota Center for Independent Living.

SEP: (Office of) Special Education Programs (federal, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative).

SE/VE: Special Education/Vocational Education.

S.F.: Senate File.

SH: Severely Handicapped.

SIL: Semi-Independent Living.

SILS: Semi-Independent Living Services.

SJTO: State Job Training Office.

SL: Speech Language (Impaired).

SLA: Supported Living Arrangements.

SLBP: Special Learning and Behavior Problems.

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SLD: Specific Learning Disability.
SLFs: Supervised Living Facilities.
SLR: Supported Living Residences.
SLSs: Supervised Living Services.
SMSA: Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area.
SN: Special Needs.
SNF: Skilled Nursing Facility.
SPA: State Planning Agency.
SSA: Social Security Administration.
SSB: State Services for the Blind and Visually Handicapped.
SSDI: Social Security Disability Insurance.
SSI: Supplemental Security Income.
STIC: State Transition Interagency Committee.
STP: Specialized Training Program.
SVE: Secondary Vocational Education.
SWEP: Secondary Work Experience Program.

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UCPA: United Cerebral Palsy Associations.
UHF: United Handicapped Federation.
UMTA: Urban Mass Transportation Administration.
UPS: United Parcel Service.
USDA: United States Department of Agriculture.
USOE: United States Office of Education.
VA: Veterans Administration.
VA: Visual Acuity.
VBS: Volunteer Braille Services.
VE: Vocational Education.
VEWAA: Vocational Evaluation of Work Adjustment Association (of the Minnesota Rehabilitation Association).
VH: Vision Handicapped.
VR: Vocational Rehabilitation.
WA: Work Activity.
WAC: Work Activity Center.

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WORK ADJUSTMENT TRAINING (WAT), WIDE AREA TRANSMISSION SERVICE (WATS), WORK EVALUATION (WE), WORK-EXPERIENCE CAREER EXPLORATION PROGRAM (WECEP), WORK-EXPERIENCE DISADVANTAGED PROGRAM (WED), WORK-EXPERIENCE HANDICAPPED PROGRAM (WEH), WORK INCENTIVE PROGRAM (WIN), WAIVERED SERVICES (WS), YOUTH ADULT INSTITUTE (YAI), YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES (YES)

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LAWS RELATED TO DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

EHA, Part B: Final Regulations for the Education of All Handicapped Children Act (Public Law 94-142).


P.L. 94-482: The Vocational Education Amendments of 1976.


P.L. 99-457: Early Special Education.


Rule 34: ICF-MR residential facilities with 4 or more beds.

Sections 503 and 504: Sections of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 that focus on affirmative action for employing handicapped persons (503) and prohibiting discrimination on the basis of a handicap (504).

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