

IDD Community Acronyms

The intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) community uses many acronyms, which can sometimes feel overwhelming. Whether you're a self-advocate, family member, professional, or just looking to learn more, here is a list of clear explanations of key terms used in services, support, and advocacy.

AAC

Alternative Augmentative Communication

AB

Adaptive Behavior

ABA

Applied Behavior Analysis

ADA

Americans with Disabilities Act

ADL

Activities of Daily Living

ASD

Autism Spectrum Disorders

BCBA

Board-Certified Behavior Analyst

CARF

Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation

CART

Clinical Administrative Review Team

CCI

Childcare Institute

CDB

Childhood Disability Benefits

CDS

Community Day Services

CILA

Community Integrated Living Arrangement

CLF

Community Living Facility

CMS

Center for Medicaid & Medicare Services

CPI

Crisis Prevention & Intervention

DAC

Disabled Adult Child

DCFS

Department of Children and Family Services

DD

Developmental Disabilities

DDD

Division of Developmental Disabilities

DHS

Department of Human Services

DME

Durable Medical Equipment

DMH

Division of Mental Health

DPA

Department of Public Aid

DPH

Department of Public Health

DRS

Division of Rehabilitation
Services

DSCC

Division of Specialized
Care for Children

DSP

Direct Support Professional

DT

Developmental Training
Day Program for Adults

EI

Early Intervention
(Birth to 3 years old)

FICA

Federal Insurance
Contribution Act

GAL

Guardian Ad Litem

HBS

Home Based Services

HBWD

Health Benefits for Worker's
with a Disability

HCBS

Home and Community
Based Services

HFS

Department of Health
Care and Family Services
(Public Aid)

HUD

Housing & Urban
Development

ICAP

Inventory for Client
and Agency Planning

ICF - DD

Intermediate Care Facility
for Individuals with
Developmental Disabilities

IDEA

Individual with Disabilities
Education Act

IDPH

Illinois Department of
Public Health

IRWE

Impairment Related
Work Expenses

ISBE

Illinois State Board
of Education

ISC

Individual Service
Coordination

ISP

Individual Support Plan

ISSA

Individual Service
and Support Advocacy

ITP

Individual Treatment Plan
(Mental Health)

IEP

Individual Education Plan

MCO

Managed Care Organization

MH

Mental Health

MHA

Mental Health Assessment

MI

Mental Illness

OIG

Office of the
Inspector General

OSG

Office of the State Guardian

OT

Occupational
Therapy/Therapist

PACKET

Information on paper
going to Network Facilitator
advocating your need for help

PAS

Pre-Admission Screening

PASS

Plan to Achieve Self Support

PDD

Pervasive Developmental Disorders

POS

Purchase of Service funding method - Fee for service

PUNS

Prioritization of Urgency of Need of Services (Waiting List)

QA

Quality Assurance

QMB

Qualified Medicare Beneficiary

QMHP

Qualified Mental Health Professional

QSP

Qualified Support Professional

RSP

Residential Service Plan

SEP

Supported Employment Program

SGA

Substantial Gainful Activity

SLA

Supported Living Arrangement

SLP

Speech and Language Pathologist

SMART ACT

Save Medicaid Access & Resources Together

SNAP

Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (Food Stamps)

SNT

Special Needs Trust

SODC

State Operated Developmental Center

SSA

Social Security Administration

SSDI

Social Security Disability Insurance

SSI

Supplemental Security Income

SST

Support Service Team

TDS

Therapeutic Day School

TPL

Third Party Liability

TWP

Trial Work Period

UCP

United Cerebral Palsy

WFP

Workforce Planning
