

# 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

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## AB

Adaptive Behavior

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## ABA

Applied Behavior Analysis

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## ADA

Americans with Disabilities Act

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## ADL

Activities of Daily Living

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## ASD

Autism Spectrum Disorders

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## BCBA

Board-Certified Behavior Analyst

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## CARF

Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation

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## CART

Clinical Administrative Review Team

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## CCI

Childcare Institute

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## CDB

Childhood Disability Benefits

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## CDS

Community Day Services

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## CILA

Community Integrated Living Arrangement

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## CLF

Community Living Facility

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## CMS

Center for Medicaid & Medicare Services

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## CPI

Crisis Prevention & Intervention

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## CTP

Comprehensive Transition and Post-Secondary Program

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## DAC

Disabled Adult Child

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## DCFS

Department of Children and Family Services

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## DD

Developmental Disabilities

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## DDD

Division of Developmental Disabilities

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## DHS

Department of Human Services

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## DME

Durable Medical Equipment

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## DMH

Division of Mental Health

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**DPA**

Department of Public Aid

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**DPH**

Department of Public Health

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**DRS**

Division of Rehabilitation  
Services

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**DSCC**

Division of Specialized  
Care for Children

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**DSP**

Direct Support Professional

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**DT**

Developmental Training  
Day Program for Adults

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**EI**

Early Intervention  
(Birth to 3 years old)

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**FICA**

Federal Insurance  
Contribution Act

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**GAL**

Guardian Ad Litem

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**HBS**

Home Based Services

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**HBWD**

Health Benefits for Worker's  
with a Disability

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**HCBS**

Home and Community  
Based Services

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**HFS**

Department of Health  
Care and & Family Services  
(Public Aid)

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**HUD**

Housing & Urban  
Development

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**ICAP**

Inventory for Client  
and Agency Planning

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**ICF - DD**

Intermediate Care Facility  
for Individuals with  
Developmental Disabilities

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**IDEA**

Individual with Disabilities  
Education Act

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**IDPH**

Illinois Department of  
Public Health

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**IRWE**

Impairment Related  
Work Expenses

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**ISBE**

Illinois State Board  
of Education

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**ISC**

Individual Service  
Coordination

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**ISP**

Individual Support Plan

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**ISSA**

Individual Service  
and Support Advocacy

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**ITP**

Individual Treatment Plan  
(Mental Health)

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**IEP**

Individual Education Plan

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**MCO**

Managed Care Organization

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**MH**

Mental Health

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**MHA**

Mental Health Assessment

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**MI**

Mental Illness

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**OIG**

Office of the  
Inspector General

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**OSG**

Office of the State Guardian

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**OT**

Occupational  
Therapy/Therapist

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**PACKET**

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

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**PAS**

Pre-Admission Screening

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**PASS**

Plan to Achieve Self Support

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**PDD**

Pervasive Developmental  
Disorders

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**POS**

Purchase of Service funding  
method - Fee for service

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**PUNS**

Prioritization of Urgency of  
Need of Services (Waiting List)

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**QA**

Quality Assurance

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**QMB**

Qualified Medicare  
Beneficiary

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**QMHP**

Qualified Mental Health  
Professional

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**QSP**

Qualified Support  
Professional

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**RSP**

Residential Service Plan

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**SEP**

Supported Employment  
Program

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**SGA**

Substantial Gainful Activity

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**SLA**

Supported Living  
Arrangement

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**SLP**

Speech and Language  
Pathologist

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**SMART ACT**

Save Medicaid Access  
& Resources Together

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**SNAP**

Supplemental Nutritional  
Assistance Program  
(Food Stamps)

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**SNT**

Special Needs Trust

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**SODC**

State Operated  
Developmental Center

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**SSA**

Social Security Administration

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**SSDI**

Social Security Disability  
Insurance

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**SSI**

Supplemental Security  
Income

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**SST**

Support Service Team

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**TDS**

Therapeutic Day School

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**TPL**

Third Party Liability

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**TWP**

Trial Work Period

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**UCP**

United Cerebral Palsy

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**WFP**

Workforce Planning

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