

Alphabet Soup

A comprehensive list of common acronyms most likely to be heard or used in the field of special populations and related programs, agencies and legislation.

Federal Government Agencies

CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
SSA	Social Security Administration
HUD	Housing and Urban Development

Federal Government Programs

SSDI *	Social Security Disability Income (administered by SSA)
SSI *	Supplemental Security Income (income assistance for persons who are aged, disabled, and blind based on need)
Title XIX *	A section of the federal Social Security Act that authorizes the Medicaid program
Medicaid *	Service provided to eligible population under Title XIX. A joint Federal/state entitlement of medical assistance, varying from state to state, based on need. Administered by the Department of Human Services (DHS)

State Government Agencies

IME	Iowa Medicaid Enterprise
DHS	Department of Human Services
DD Council	The Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council
RC	Resource Center – Woodward and Glenwood
IVRS	Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services
AEA	Area Education Agency
CHSC	Child Health Specialty Clinic (University of Iowa)
DRI	Disability Rights IOWA

Federal Legislation

P.L.	Public Law. Legislation passed and codified at federal level
P.L. 94-142 *	IDEA – Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
P.L. 99-457 *	Amendment of 1986 – mandates education agencies to serve Children with disabilities 3, 4, and 5.
P.L. 101-336	Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

State Legislation

IAC	Iowa Administrative Code (refers to rules and regulations adopted by various state agencies through a set manner to implement Legislation passed and approved)
SF	Senate file
HF	House file

Code 41 Iowa's special education passed in 1974, which made local district responsible for educating children with disabilities
MCO Managed Care Organization

State Programs

SSA State Supplemental Assistance
FSR Financial and Statistical Report
HD Waiver Health and Disability
ID Waiver Intellectual Disability Waiver
BI Waiver Brain Injury Waiver
CMH Waiver Children's Mental Health Waiver
Elderly Waiver
Title XIX waiver serving need-based individuals with variety of supports in order for that person to live in the most natural environment
HCBS * Home and Community Based Services Program; a program which is built on individual supports and facilitate a system to deliver those services in the least restrictive environment. Services include:
SCL Supported Community Living
HHA Home Health Aid
Day Hab Day Habilitation
CDAC Consumer Directed Attendant Care
HAB Habilitation
IMMT Intermittent Medical Monitoring and Treatment
Respite Caregiver relief
SE Supported Employment
CCO Consumer Choice Option
Prevocational
Home and Vehicular Modification
Nursing
Personal Emergency Response System
EPSDT * Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (Title XIX promoting children to 21 to receive preventive rather than acute medical care)

Local Agencies/Services

ECR MHDS East Central Region – Mental Health/Disability Services
PEP Parent Educator Partnership – at Grant Wood AEA

Disability Acronyms

ASD Autism Spectrum Disorders
ADHD Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
AT Assistive Technology
BD Behavior Disorder
CP Cerebral Palsy
ID Intellectual Disability
LD Learning Disability

MD	Mental Disability
CMI	Chronic Mental Illness
FAS	Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
VI	Vision Impaired
SED	Serious Emotional Disturbance
SI	Sensory Integration
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury

Service Terms

NOD	Notice of Decision
CARF	Commission of Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities
ISP	Individual Service Plan
ELP	Essential Lifestyle Plan
IEP	Individual Education Plan
BIP	Behavioral Intervention Plan
SIS	Supports Intensity Scale
interRAI	International Resident Assessment Instrument
LOC	Level of Care
OT	Occupational Therapy
PT	Physical Therapy
CCA	Child Care Assistance

Residential Terms

RCF	Residential Care Facility
RCF/ID	Residential Care Facility for Intellectual Disabilities
RCF/PMI	Residential Care Facility for Persons with Mental Illness
ICF	Intermediate Care Facility
ICF/ID	Intermediate Care Facility for Intellectual Disabilities
RBSCCL	Residential Based Supported Community Living

Arc Terms

DSP	Direct Service Provider
AEU	Arc Education Unit
SSC	Service and Support Coordinator

* Indicates that more information is available by contacting The Arc