

ACRONYM LIST

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The following list of acronyms was compiled by GACEC members and staff to assist members and visitors in developing a better understanding of discussions at GACEC meetings. We apologize in advance for inadvertently leaving out any relevant terms or agencies. Please feel free to submit suggestions to the GACEC office.

ACEIHL	Advisory Committee on Education of Individuals with Hearing Loss
AAB	Architectural Accessibility Board
AAP	American Academy of Pediatrics
AAR	Adult Abuse Registry
AARP	American Association of Retired Persons
ABCD	Assuring Better Child Health and Development Program
ABI	Acquired Brain Injury
AC	Augmentative Communication
ACA	Affordable Care Act
ACLU	American Civil Liberties Union
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADA	American Dental Association
ADRC	Aging and Disability Resource Center
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ADL	Activities of Daily Living
AFP	Alliance for Full Participation
AGEC	Access to the General Education Curriculum subcommittee
AHRQ	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
AI	Autistic Impaired
AI DuPont	A.I. DuPont Children's Hospital
AIDS	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
AL	Assisted Living
ALS	Adult Life Skills
AMI	Area Median Income
AMSES	Administrative Manual of Special Education Services
ANCDRP	Abuse/Neglect Child Death Review Panel
APE	Adapted Physical Education
APR	Annual Performance Report
APRN	Advanced Practice Registered Nurse
APS	Adult Protective Services (Division of Aging)
ARC/DE	For People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (formerly Association for the Rights of Citizens with Mental Retardation)
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
ASDC	American Society for Deaf Children/DE Chapter
ASD	Autism Society of Delaware
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorder
ASHA	American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
ASL	American Sign Language

ASQ	Ages and Stages
ASQ-SE	Ages and Stages – Social Emotional
AT	Assistive Technology
AU	Autism
AVT	Auditory-Verbal Therapy
AYP	Adequate Yearly Progress (NCLB)
BD	Behavior Disorder
BEH	Behaviorally/Emotionally Handicapped
BH	Behaviorally Handicapped
BIE	Business, Industry and Education Alliance
BIP	Behavior Intervention Plan
BMC	Behavior Management Committee
BSNPTA	Brandywine Special Needs Parent Teacher Association
CAC	Community Advisory Council (University of Delaware)
CAN Coordinator	Children and Youth Action Network (Council for Exceptional Children)
CAP	Client Assistance Program
CAP	Corrective Action Plan
CAS	Comprehensive Assessment System
CASA	Court Appointed Special Advocate
CCCD	Coordinating Council for Children with Disabilities
CCCP	Community Continuum of Care Program
CCDF	Child Care and Development Fund
CCMS	Comprehensive Compliance Monitoring System (Education)
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDNDSB	Child Death, Near Death and Stillbirth Commission & Work Group
CDS	Center for Disabilities Studies (University of Delaware)
CEC	Council for Exceptional Children
CERTS	Collaborative Efforts to Reinforce Transition Success
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
ChADD	Children with Attention Deficit Disorder (national, county groups in DE)
CHINS	Children in Need of Services
CHIP	Children's Health Insurance Program
CIS	Child Indicators Subgroup
CLASI	Community Legal Aid Society, Inc.
CLSC	Career and Life Studies Certificate (UD)
CM	Case Manager
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
CNA	Certified Nursing Assistant
CODHHE	Council on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Equality
COPM	Coordinator of Planning and Monitoring
COTA	Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant
COWG	Child Outcomes Work Group
CP	Cerebral Palsy
CPS	Child Protective Services
CQSE	Center for Quality Special Education
CSBS-DP	Communication and Symbolic Behavior Scales – Developmental Profile
CSCR	Children's Services Cost Recovery Project
CSPD	Comprehensive System for Personnel Development (Education)
CIT	Crisis Intervention Training

CSHCN	Children with Special Healthcare Needs
CST	Child Study Team
CTQ	The National Center for Improving Teacher Quality or Delaware's Collaborative for Teacher Quality
CYAAC	Center for Youth and Adults with Conditions of Childhood
CYSHCN	Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs
DAAD	Diploma-At-A-Distance
DAAP	Delaware Alternate Assessment Program
DADB	Delaware Association for Deaf/Blind
DACCVE	Delaware Advisory Council on Career and Vocational Education
DAPA	Delaware Alternate Portfolio Assessment
DART	Delaware Authority Rapid Transit (formerly DAST)
DASAG	Delaware Aspergers Support and Advocacy Group
DATI	Delaware Assistive Technology Initiative
DB	Deaf/Blind
DBLN	Delaware Business Leadership Network
DCAS	Delaware Comprehensive Assessment System
DCDAL	Delaware Center for Distance Adult Learning
DCDT	Division of Career Development and Transition
DCF	Department of Children and Families
DCMHS	Division of Child Mental Health Services
DCPS	Division of Child Protective Services
DD	Developmental Disability
DDC	Developmental Disabilities Council
DDDS	Division of Developmental Disabilities Services (formerly DMR)
DEAP	Disability Education and Awareness Program
DELARF	Delaware Association of Rehabilitation Facilities
DeIDOT	Delaware Department of Transportation
DEMA	Delaware Emergency Management Agency
DEPTA	Delaware Parent Teacher Association
DESS	Delaware Education Support System
DFRC	Delaware Foundation Reaching Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities
DFS	Division of Family Services
DFV	Delaware Family Voices
DHC	Delaware Housing Coalition
DHCI	Delaware Hospital for the Chronically Ill
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services, U.S.
DHIN	Delaware Health Information Network
DHMIC	Delaware Healthy Mother and Infant Consortium
DHSS	Department of Health and Social Services
DHS	Department of Homeland Security
DIAA	Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association
DIDER	Delaware Institute for Dental Education and Research
DIMER	Delaware Institute of Medical Education and Research
DLP	Disabilities Law Program
DLTCRP	Division of Long Term Care Residents Protection
DMAP	Delaware Medical Assistance Program
DME	Durable Medical Equipment
DMMA	Division of Medicaid and Medicare Assistance

DMR	Division of Mental Retardation (Changed to DDDS)
DMS IV	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Retardation (4 th Edition Revised)
DMV	Department of Motor Vehicles
DNASW	Delaware National Association of Social Workers
DNG	Did Not Go (policy Paratransit language)
DNREC	Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control
DOC	Department of Corrections
DOE	Department of Education
DOL	Department of Labor
DPAP	Delaware Prescription Assistance Program
DPAS	Delaware Performance Appraisal System
DPBHS	Division of Prevention and Behavioral Health Services
DPC	Delaware Psychiatric Center
DPCI	Delaware Physicians Care Insurance
DPH	Division of Public Health
DPI	Delaware Passport to Independence
D-PIP	Developmental Surveillance and Screening Policy Implementation Project
DPS	Data and Programming Subgroup
DRA	Deficit Reduction Act
D-RTI	DOE Response to Intervention Taskforce
DREDF	Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund
DSAAPD	Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities (DHSS)
DSAMH	Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DHSS)
DSBA	Delaware School Boards Association
DSCYF	Division of Services for Children, Youth and their Families
DSDS	Delaware State Dental Society
DSEA	Delaware State Education Association
DSHA	Delaware Speech-Language-Hearing Association
DSHA	Delaware State Housing Authority
DSHP	Diamond State Health Plan
DSHS	Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security
DSIP	Delaware State Implementation Project on Preventing Secondary Conditions and Promoting Health For People With Disabilities (formerly Healthy Delawareans 2010)
DSNA	Delaware School Nurses Association
DSPAC	Delaware State Parent Advisory Committee
DSS	Division of Social Services
DSTP	Delaware Student Testing Program
DSTW	Delaware State Transition Website
DTC	Delaware Transit Corporation
DTI	Delaware Department of Technology and Information
DUR	Drug Utilization Review
DVI	Division for the Visually Impaired (DHSS)
DVR	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DOL)
DWIB	Delaware Workforce Investment Board
DYLI	Delaware Youth Leadership Initiative
DYRS	Division of Youth Rehabilitative Services
Early CHOICES	Children Having Opportunities in the Continuum of Educational Services in early intervention programs

E/BD	Emotional/Behavioral Disorder
ECAP	Early Childhood Assistance Program
ECCS	Early Childhood Comprehensive System
ECSA	Early Childhood Screening Assessment (Rhode Island)
ECT	Exceptional Children Team (DOE)
ED	Educational Diagnostician
ED	Emotional Disturbance
EDTAC	Elderly and Disabled Transit Advisory Committee
EEOC	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
EFI	Employment First Initiative
EFOC	Employment First Oversight Commission
EH	Emotional Handicap
EHA	Education of the Handicapped Act (P.L. 42-142)
EHLR	Education of the Handicapped Law in Review (now IDEALR)
EIC	Education Improvement Commission
EI	Early Intervention
EI	Emotionally Impaired
ELF	Early Learning Foundation
ELL	English Language Learners
ELP	Essential Lifestyle Plan (DDDS)
EMD	Educable Mentally Disabled (IQ 50-70), formerly EMH
EMI	Educable Mentally Impaired
EMR	Electronic Medical Records
EMS	Emergency Medical Services
EPPC	Educational Planning and Placement Committee
EPSDT	Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment
ESD	Extended School Day
ESEA	Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
ESL	English as a Second Language
ESP	Educational Surrogate Parent program
ESR	Employability Skills Rating
ESSE	Early Start to Supported Employment
ESY	Extended School Year (special education program)
FACES	Family Advocacy and Child Educational Services (DSD)
FACT	Families and Communities Together
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education
FAS	Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
FASD	Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder
FBA	Functional Behavioral Assessment
FBABSP	Functional Behavior Assessment Behavioral Support Plan
FCCLA	Family, Career and Community Leaders of America
FCRB	Foster Care Review Board
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FLA	Family Leadership Academy
FLAC	Family Leadership Advisory Council
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act
FPL	Federal Poverty Level
FQHC	Fully Qualified Health Care Center

FSP	Family Support Plan
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
FTE	Full Time Equivalent
G-T	Gifted and Talented (Children with Outstanding Talents now used)
GACEC	Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens
GACAAPD	Governor's Advisory Council on Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities
GAO	Government Accountability Office
GCCBAID	Governor's Commission on Community-Based Alternatives for Individuals with Disabilities (Now GCBACS)
GCBACS	Governor's Commission on Building Access to Community-Based Services
GED	General Education Diploma
GBHC	Governor Bacon Health Center
GIC	Government Information Center
GSEG	General Supervision and Enhancement Grant
HB	House Bill
HBCU	Historically Black College or University
HCBS	Home and Community Based Services
HCC	Health Care Commission
HCCA/CCHP	Health Child Care America/Child Care and Health Partnership
HCR	House Concurrent Resolution
HEU	High End User program
HHPD	Hard of Hearing/Partial Deafness
HI	Hearing Impaired
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HLADE	Hearing Loss Association of Delaware
HMO	Health Management Organization
HO	Hearing Officer
HOPWA	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS
HOUSSE	Highly Objective State Standards for Educators
HRC	Human Rights Committee
IADL	Instrumental Activities of Daily Living
IAES	Interim Alternative Educational Setting
IBSER	Intensive Behavioral Support and Educational Residences
ICAP	Inventory for Client and Agency Planning
ICAS	Inclusive Comprehensive Assessment System
ICC	Interagency Coordinating Council (Infants and Toddlers)
ICCF	Interagency Council for Children and Families (state and county)
ICT	Interagency Collaborative Treatment Team (Unique Alternatives)
ICF/MR	Intermediate Care Facility for persons with Mental Retardation
ID/DD	Intellectual Disabilities/Developmental Disabilities
IDA	Individual Development Account
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (successor to P.L. 94-142)
IDEALR	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Law Review
IDEIA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Improve Act of 2004
IED	Intermittent Explosive Disorder
IEE	Independent Educational Evaluation
IEP	Individualized Education Plan
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan
IHCAP	Independent Health Care Appeals Program

IIP	Individual Improvement Plan
ILC	Intensive Learning Center
ILI	Independent Living, Incorporated
IOP	Intensive Outpatient program
IPE	Individualized Plan for Employment
IPPSE	Institute for Problem Prevention in Special Education
IPRD	Identification, Placement, Review, Dismissal – process for Special Education classification and determination of eligibility for services, conducted on a Local School District level.
IQ	Intelligence Quotient (test)
IRI	Independent Resources, Incorporated
IRMC	Interagency Resource Management Committee
ISD	Intermediate School District
ISI	Inclusive Schools Initiative
ISIS	Integrated Services Information System
ISP	Individualized Service Plan
IST	Instructional Support Team
IT	Information Technology
ITP	Individualized Transition Plan
IVR	Interactive Voice Recognition
JCAHO	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
JFC	Joint Finance Committee
KSI	Kent-Sussex Industries
LD	Learning Disabled
LCCE	Life Centered Career Education
LEA	Local Educational Agency
LEP	Limited English Proficiency
LIHTC	Low Income Housing Tax Credits
LOF	Letter of Finding
LOP	Local Operational Plan
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
LSLS	Listening and Spoken Language Specialists
MA	Medical Administrator
MA	Mental Age
MAP	Measures of Academic Progress assessment
MBI	Medicaid Buy In
M-CHAT	Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers
MCHB	Maternal and Child Health Bureau
MCO	Managed Care Organization
MDA	Multi-Disciplinary Assessment
MDT	Multi-Disciplinary Team
MEANS	Making Employment a New Success for Delawareans
MFCU	Medicaid Fraud Control Unit
MFP	Money Follows the Person
MH	Mental Handicap
MI	Mental Illness
MiCASSA	Medicaid Community-Based Attendant Services and Supports Act
MIG	Medicaid Infrastructure Grant
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement

MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MR	Mental Retardation (now replaced by Cognitive Disability)
MSD	Medical Society of Delaware
MSW	Masters in Social Work
NAECS/SDE	National Association of Early Childhood Specialists in State Departments of Ed.
NAEP	National Center for Education Statistics
NAEYC	National Association for the Education of Young Children
NAMI-DE	National Alliance for Mental Illness-DE Chapter
NASBE	National Association of State Boards of Education
NASDSE	National Association of State Directors of Special Education
NASDTEC	National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification
NCSET	National Center on Secondary Education and Transition
NCATE	National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education
NCC-PA	New Castle County Pediatric Association
NCCVT	New Castle County Vo-Tech
NCQA	National Center for Quality Assurance
NDCCD	National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities (NICHCY)
NDRN	National Disability Rights Network
NGA	National Governor's Association
NICHCY	National Information Center for Children and Youth with disabilities (now National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities)
NIMAS	National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard
NCLB	No Child Left Behind (federal legislation)
NP	Nurse Practitioner
NPA	Nurse Practices Act
NPO	Non-Profit Organization
NSTTAC	National Secondary Transition Technical Assistance Center
NTICCHC	National Training Institute for Child Care Health Consultants
NYMAC	New York Merger, Acquisition and Collaboration Fund
OAASIS	Organization of Adult Alumni and Students in Service
OCR	Office of Civil Rights (federal office)
OCD	Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder
ODD	Oppositional Defiance Disorder
OEM	Office of Emergency Management
OH	Orthopedically Handicapped
OHI	Other Health Impaired
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs (U.S. Dept. of Education)
OSERS	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (U.S.DOE)
OT	Occupational Therapist/Therapy
P&A	Protection and Advocacy
PA	Physician's Assistant
P&T	Pharmaceutical and Therapeutic
PAC	Parent Advisory Committee (districts)
PABSS	Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security
PAAT	Protection and Advocacy for Assistive Technology
PADD	Protection and Advocacy for persons with Developmental Disabilities
PAIMI	Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness
PAIR	Protection and Advocacy of Individual Rights (program of CLASI)

Part B	P.L. 99-142, section which authorizes assistance for the education of all children with disabilities or FAPE
Part C	P.L. 99-457, section which authorizes Early Intervention Programs for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities (formerly Part H)
PAS	Personal Assistant Services
PAS	Play Assessment Scale
PASARR	Preadmission Screening and Annual Resident Reviews
PAT	Parents as Teachers
PATBI	Protection and Advocacy for Traumatic Brain Injury
PBS	Positive Behavioral Supports
PC (Personnel Ctr)	National Center for Special Education Personnel & Related Service Providers
PCA	Personal Care Attendant
PCCD	Partners Council for Children with Disabilities
PCMH	Patient-Centered Medical Home
PCP	Primary Care Provider
PD	Professional Development
PDD-NOS	Pervasive Developmental Disorder—Not Otherwise Specified
PDL	Preferred Drug List
PE	Physical Education
PEDS	Parents' Evaluation of Developmental Status
PEEC	Parent Early Education Center
PI	Physically Impaired
PIC	Parent Information Center of Delaware, Inc.
PLEP (PLP)	Present Level of Educational Performance (Present Level of Performance)
POC	Point of Contact
POHI	Physically and Otherwise Health Impaired
POMS	Programs Operations Manual System (SSA)
PPEC	Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care
PSC	Pediatric Symptom Checklist
PT	Physical Therapist/Therapy
PWD	Person with a Disability
QRMP	Qualified Mental Retardation Professional
RAS	Reporting and Assessment Subgroup
REAL Program/CDS	Recreation Enhancement and Learning Program
RFP	Request for Proposals
RID	Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (National)
RN	Registered Nurse
ROI	Return on Investment
RPC	Regional Placement Committee (DDDS)
RS	Related Services
RSI	Residential Services Indicator (DDDS)
RTC	Residential Treatment Center
RtI	Response to Intervention
SAMSHA	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
SAS	Supplement Aids and Services
SB	Senate Bill
SCAT	Senior Citizen Affordable Tax
SCC	Statewide Curriculum Cadre
SCPD	State Council for Persons with Disabilities

SCQ	Social Communication Questionnaire
SCR	Senate Concurrent Resolution
SE	Special Education
Section 504	Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
SEA	State Educational Agency
SED	Severely Emotionally Disturbed
SEED	Student Excellence Equals Degree scholarship program
SEEDS	Special Education Effectiveness Development System
SEM	Social/Emotionally Maladjusted
SES	Special Education Services
SGIM (DE)	Society of General Internal Medicine
SHCN	Special Health Care Need
SHHH	Self Help for Hard of Hearing People of Delaware, Inc
SIB	Self-Injurious Behavior
SIG	State Improvement Grant
SIP	State Improvement Plan for Special Education
SLD	Specific Learning Disability
SLI	Speech and Language Impaired
SLP	Speech Language Pathologist
SLPA	Speech Language Pathologist Assistant
SMH	Severe Mental Handicap (IQ below 35)
SMD	Significant Multiple Disabilities
SMI	Severely Mentally Impaired
SPARC	Special Education Partnership for the Amicable Resolution of Conflict
Special Ed.	Special Education (sometimes written as “Sped” or “Spec. Ed.”)
SPP	State Performance Plan
SRAC	State Rehabilitation Advisory Council
SRAP	State Rental Assistance Program
SREB	Southern Regional Education Board
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSDI	Social Security Disability Insurance
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
SSP	Student Success Plan
ST	Speech Therapy/Therapist
STEPS	Sequenced Transition to Education in the Public Schools
STOMP	Specialized Training of Military Parents
SWD	Student with a Disability
SXI	Severely Multiply Impaired
TA	Technical Assistance
TAG	The Association for Gifted, or Talented and Gifted Program
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
TASH	The Association for Severely Handicapped (national group)
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
TC	Transition Coordinator
TDD	Telecommunications Device for the Deaf
TEACCH	Treatment and Education of Autistic and related Communication Handicapped Children
TEAM Act	Transitioning towards Excellence Achievement and Mobility Act
TEEM	Transition Education Employment Model

TMH	Trainable Mentally Handicapped (IQ of 35-50)
TPR	Termination of Parental Rights
TPSID	Transition and Post-Secondary Programs for Students with Intellectual Disabilities
TQM	Total Quality Management
TTY	Teletype or Teletypewriter
TWIA	Ticket to Work Incentive Act
UBD	Understanding By Design
UCP	United Cerebral Palsy
UD	University of Delaware
UDL	Universal Design for Learning
USBLN	United State Business Leadership Network
VCAP	Victim Compensation Assistance Program
VI	Visually Impaired
Vo-Tech	Vocational-Technical School or Program
VE	Vocational Education
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation
VRTF	Delaware Victims' Rights Task Force
WISC	Weschler Intelligence Scale for Children
YRS	Youth Rehabilitative Services (DSCYF)