



A Complete List of Disability, Special Health Care Needs & Special Education Acronyms

including Louisiana Specific acronyms

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AAC	Alternative Augmentative Communication	AAHSD	Acadiana Area Human Services District
AAP	American Academy of Pediatrics	ABA	Applied Behavior Analysis
ABC of Discipline	Antecedent, Behavior, and Consequences	ABIT	Academic Behavior Intervention Team
ABLE Act	Achieving a Better Life Experience Act	ABS-II	AAMR Adaptive Behavior Scales
ACA	Affordable Care Act	ACL	Administration for Community Living
ACT	Assertive Community Treatment American College Testing	ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder	ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ADL	Activities of Daily Living	Admin	Administration
ADOS	Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule	ADR	Alternative Dispute Resolution
AE	Age Equivalent	AEM	National Center on Accessible Educational Materials
AG	Attorney General	AI	Artificial Intelligence
AIDD	Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities	AIM	Accessible Instructional Materials
AMA	American Medical Association	AMCHP	Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs
APE	Adaptive Physical Education	APR	Annual Performance Report
APS	Adult Protection Agency	ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorders
ASL	American Sign Language	AT	Assistive Technology
AUCD	Association of University Centers on Disabilities	AYP	Adequate Yearly Progress
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BASC	Behavior Assessment System for Children	BCBA	Board Certified Behavior Analyst
BD	Behavior Disorder	BDI-2	Battelle Developmental Inventory, Second Edition

BESE	Board of Elementary and Secondary Education	BFH	Bureau of Family Health
BIP	Behavior Intervention Plan	BISCUIT	Baby and Infant Screen for Children with Autism Traits
BP	Blood Pressure		
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CAC	Community Advisory Committee	CADRE	The Center for Appropriate Dispute Resolution in Special Education
CAFÉ	Children & Family Services	CAHS	Capital Area Human Services
CAP	Client Assistance Program Corrective Action Plan	CAPD	Central Auditory Processing Disorder
CARES Act	Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act	CARF	Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities
CASA	Court Appointed Special Advocate	CASAC	Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor
CBA	Curriculum-Based Assessment	CBT	Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
CC	Children’s Choice Waiver Closed Captioning	CCAP	Child Care Assistance Program
CCHC	Child Care Health Consultant Program	CCU	Coronary/Cardiac Care Unit
CDC	Center for Disease Control and Prevention	CDE	Certified Diabetes Educator
CDR	Continuing Disability Review	CF	Cystic Fibrosis
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	CFS	Community and Family Support
CHADD	Children & Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder	CHIP	Children’s Health Insurance Program
CIFMS	Continuous Improvement and Focused Monitoring Program	CIR	Critical Incident Report
CLHSD	Central Louisiana Human Services District	CLSH	Central Louisiana State Hospital
CMS	Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services	CNA	Certified Nurse Aide Certified Nurse Assistant
COA	Council on Aging	COP	Community of Practice
COS	Community Outreach Specialist	CP	Cerebral Palsy
CPOC	Comprehensive Plan of Care	CQI	Continuous Quality Improvement
CSE	Child Support Enforcement	CSHCN	Children with Special Health Care Needs
CSHS	Children’s Special Health Services	CSoC	Coordinated System of Care
CST	Community Support Team	CW	Child Welfare
CYSHCN	Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs		
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DB	Deaf-Blind	DBT	Dialectical Behavior Therapy
DCFS	Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services	DD	Developmental Delay Developmental Disability
DD Act	Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act	DDC	Developmental Disabilities Council

DDS	Disability Determination Services	DIAL – 3	Developmental Indicators for the Assessment of Learning
DIBELS	Dynamic Indicator of Basic Early Literacy	DoDDS	Department of Defense Dependent Schools
DME	Durable Medical Equipment	DNR	Do Not Resuscitate Order
DOJ	Department of Justice	DRC	Disaster Recovery Center
DS	Down Syndrome	DSM	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders by the American Psychiatric Association
DSNAP	Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	DSW	Direct Support Worker
DUA	Disaster Unemployment Assistance	DX	Diagnosis
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EBP	Evidence-based Practice	EBT	Electronic Benefits Transfer
ECE	Early Childhood Education	ECF	Extended Care Facility
ECHO	Extended Care Health Option	ED	Emotional Disturbance
ED	US Department of Education	EFMP	Exceptional Family Member Program
EHS	Early Head Start	EI	Early Intervention
ELA	English Language Arts	ELL	English Language Learner
ELMHS	Eastern Louisiana Mental Health System	EMR	Electronic Medical Record
EMT	Emergency Medical Technician	EOB	Explanation of Benefits
EOC	End of Course Test	EPS	Elderly Protective Services
EPSDT	Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment	ER	Emergency Room (Hospital)
ERIC	Education Resources Information Center	ESEA	Elementary and Secondary Education Act
ESL	English as a Second Language	ESSA	Every Student Succeeds Act
ESSS	Economic Stability Self Sufficiency	ESYS	Extended School Year Services
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F2FHIC	Families to Families Health Information Center	FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education
FAS	Fetal Alcohol Syndrome	FBA	Functional Behavior Assessment
FC	Facilitated Communication	FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency	FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
FFF	Flexible Family Fund	FHF	Families Helping Families
FINS	Families in Need of Services	FITAP	Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program
FM	Frequency Modulation System	FPHSA	Florida Parishes Human Services Authority
FOC	Freedom of Choice	FOIA	Freedom of Information Act
FPL	Federal Poverty Level	FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Center
FRC	Family Resource Center	FSO	Family Support Organization

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GACDA	Governor's Advisory Council on Disability Affairs	GE	General Education
GED	High School Equivalency Diploma	GLE	Grade Level Expectations
GODA	Louisiana Governor's Office of Disability Affairs	GOEA	Louisiana's Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs
GOHSEP	Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management	GPRA	Government Performance and Results Act
GP	General Practitioner	GT	Gifted and Talented
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H1N1	Influenza Virus	HCBS	Home and Community based Services
HDC	Human Development Center	HHA	Home Health Agency
HHS	US Department of Health and Human Services	HI	Hearing Impaired
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996	HMO	Health Maintenance Organization
HO	Hearing Officer	HOH	Hard of Hearing
HRSA	Health Resources & Services Administration	HS	Head Start
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IAES	Interim Alternative Educational Setting	IAP	Individual Accommodation Plan
ICC	Interagency Coordinating Council	ICF/DD	Intermediate Care Facilities for People with Developmental Disabilities
ICU	Intensive Care Unit	ID	Intellectual Disabilities
I/DD	Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities	IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IDEIA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act	IDT	Interdisciplinary Team Meeting
IEE	Independent Educational Evaluation	IEP	Individualized Education Program
IFS	Individual Family Support Funding	IFSP	Individualized Family Support Plan
IGP	Individualized Graduation Plan	IHE	Institute of Higher Education
IHP	Individualized Health Plan	ILC	Independent Living Center
ImCAL	Imperial Calcasieu Human Services Authority	IQ	Intelligence Quotient
ISP	Individual Service Plan	IV	Intravenous
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JAN	Job Accommodation Network	JJ	Juvenile Justice
JPHSA	Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority		
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KBIT-2	Kaufman Brief Intelligence Test	KCSP	Kinship Care Subsidy Program
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LA	Lead Agency	LAA	Louisiana Alternative Assessment

LACAN	Louisiana Council Advocacy Network	LaCAP	Louisiana Combined Application Project
LaCHIP	Louisiana Children’s Health Insurance Program	LaPTIC	Louisiana Parent Training and Information Center
LASARD	Louisiana Autism Spectrum and Related Disabilities Project	LASEA	Louisiana Association of Special Education Administrators
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LD	Learning Disability	LDE	Louisiana Department of Education
LDH	Louisiana Department of Health	LEA	Local Education Agency
LEAP	Learning, Education, Assessment and Performance	LEBA	Louisiana Executive Board on Aging
LEP	Limited English Proficiency	LGE	Local Governing Entity
LPC	Licensed Professional Counselor	LPN	Licensed Practical Nurse
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment	LRS	Louisiana Rehabilitation Services
LSW	Licensed Social Worker	LTC	Long Term Care
LWIN	Louisiana Wireless Information Network		
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MA	Medical Assistance	MAR	Medication Administration Record
MCH	Maternal and Child Health	MCHB	Maternal and Child Health Bureau
MCLTSS	Managed Care for Long-Term Services and Supports	MCO	Managed Care Organization
MD	Medical Doctor	MD	Muscular Dystrophy
MD	Multiple Disabilities	MDR	Manifestation Determination Review
MDT	Multi-Disciplinary Team	MFP	Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Distribution Grant
MFP	Minimum Foundation Program	MFS	Maintenance of State Financial Support
MH	Mental Health	MHSD	Metropolitan Human Services District
MI	Mental Illness	MIT	Mobility Impaired Transit System
MLTSS	Managed Long-Term Services and Supports	MOE	Maintenance of Effort
MRI	Magnetic Resonance Imaging	MS	Multiple Sclerosis
MSIP	Monitoring and State Improvement Plan	MTTSS	Multi-Tiered System of Supports
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NASDSE	National Association of State Directors of Special Education	NCDB	National Center on Deaf-Blindness
NDC	National Drug Code National Deaf Center	NEDHSA	Northeast Delta Human Services Authority
NG Tube	Neo-gastric Tube	NICU	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
NLHSD	Northwest Louisiana Human Services District	NOW	New Opportunities Waiver
NP	Nurse Practitioner	NTACT	National Technical Assistance Center on Transition
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OAAS	Office of Adults and Aging Services	OBH	Office of Behavior Health

OCD	Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder	OCDD	Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities
OCR	Office of Civil Rights	ODD	Oppositional Defiance Disorder
ODEP	Office of Disability Employment Policy	OHI	Other Health Impaired
OHSEP	Parish Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness	OI	Orthopedic Impairment
O & M	Orientation and Mobility Services	OPH	Office of Public Health
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs at US Dept. of ED	OSERS	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services at US Dept. of ED
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration	OPT	Opioid Treatment Program
OT	Occupational Therapy/Occupational Therapist		
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P & A	Protection & Advocacy	PA	Physician's Assistant
PACE	Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly	PARA	Paraprofessional
PARCC	Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers	PASS	Plan for Achieving Self-Support
PBS/PBIS	Positive Behavior Intervention Supports	PCA	Personal Care Assistant or Attendant
PCP	Primary Care Physician	PCS	Personal Care Services
PD	Professional Development	PDD	Pervasive Developmental Disorder
PDD/NOS	Pervasive Development Disorder, Not Otherwise Specified	PECS	Picture Exchange Communication System
PFL	People First Louisiana	PII	Personally Identifiable Information
PIP	Partners in Policymaking	PLAAFP	Present Level of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance
PLEP	Present Level(s) of Educational Performance	PLOP	Present Levels of Performance
POA	Power of Attorney	POC	Plan of Care
PPE	Personal Protection Equipment	PRAMS	Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System
Pre-ETS	Pre-Employment Transition Services	PT	Physical Therapy/Physical Therapist
PTA	Physical Therapist Assistant	PTI	Parent Training and Information Center
PWN	Prior Written Notice		
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QA	Quality Assurance	QRI	Qualitative Reading Inventory
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RAC	Regional Advisory Committees	RDA	Results-Driven Accountability

RFSR	Request for Services Registry	RHC	Rural Health Clinic
RN	Registered Nurse	ROW	Residential Options Waiver
RS	Related Services	RSA	Rehabilitation Services Administration
RSD	Recovery School District	RT	Respiratory Therapist
RTI	Response to Intervention	RX	Prescription Drug
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SAC	State Advisory Council	SAMSA	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
SARS	Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome	SAS	Supplemental Aids and Services
SAT	Scholastic Aptitude Test	SAT	Student Assessment Team
SB	Spina Bifida	SBLC	School Building Level Committee
SC	Support Coordinator	SCIP	Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan
SCLHSA	South Central Louisiana Human Services Authority	SD	Standard Deviation
SDI	Specially Designed Instruction	SE	Special Education
SEA	State Education Agency	SEAC	Special Education Advisory Committee
SEAP	Special Education Advisory Panel	Section 504	Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act
SEE	Sign Exact English	SICC	State Interagency Coordinating Council
SIEC	Statewide Interoperability Executive Subcommittee	SIG	State Improvement Grants
SIL	Supported Independent Living	SILC	State Independent Living Council
SIP	State Improvement Plan	SIS	Supports Intensity Scale
SLD	Specific Learning Disability	SLI	Speech/Language Impairment
SLP	Speech/Language Pathologist	SMART Goal	Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Timely Goal
SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility
SOLA	Special Olympics Louisiana	SPDG	State Personnel Development Grant
SPED	Special Education	SPOE	System Point of Entry
SPP	State Performance Plan	SRI	Statistical Resources Inc.
SSA	Social Security Administration	SSD	Special School District
SSDI	Social Security Disability Insurance	SSI	Supplemental Security Income
SSIP	State Systemic Improvement Plan	ST	Speech Therapy
STEP	Strategies to Empower People Program	SUN	Screening for Urgency of Need
SW	Supports Waiver		
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TA	Technical Assistance	TA&D	Technical Assistance and Dissemination Network
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
TDD	Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf	TS	Tourette Syndrome

TTW	Ticket to Work	TTY	Teletypewriter Phone System for the Deaf
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UCC	Urgent Care Clinic	UCED	University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities
UCG	Unified Command Group	UD	Universal Design
UDL	Universal Design for Learning		
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VI	Visual Impairment	Vineland-II	Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales
Voc Ed	Vocational Education	VR	Vocational Rehabilitation
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WIC	Women, Infants and Children Special Supplemental Food Program	WIOA	Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
WIPA	Workforce Incentive Planning and Assistance Project	WISC-V	Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children, 5 th Edition
WJ-III	Woodcock-Johnson III Tests of Cognitive Abilities, 3 rd Edition	WJ-III	Woodcock-Johnson III Tests of Cognitive Abilities, 3 rd Edition

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