



Facts-on-Hand Acronyms and Agencies

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Facts-on-Hand is a new, easy-to-read series on special education topics. Listed below are common acronyms for agencies and organizations involved in programs for individuals with disabilities. For related information, also read **Acronyms and Special Education** and **Acronyms and the Law**.

<u>Acronym</u>	<u>Agency/Organization</u>
AAMR	American Association on Mental Retardation
ACB	American Council of the Blind
ADD	Administration on Developmental Disabilities
★ AED	Academy for Educational Development
AFB	American Foundation for the Blind
AFT	American Federation of Teachers
◆ AG Bell	Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
★ Alliance	Technical Assistance Alliance for Parent Centers
OTA	American Occupational Therapy Association
APTA	American Physical Therapy Association
◆ ASDC	American Society for Deaf Children
◆ The Arc	Formerly The Association for Retarded Citizens
◆ ASA	Autism Society of America
ASHA	American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
◆ ATA	Alliance for Technology Access
ATRA	American Therapeutic Recreation Association
◆ Bazelon	Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law

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♦	BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs <i>or</i> Brain Injury Association
	CCD	Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities
	CEC	Council for Exceptional Children
♦	CHADD	Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
	CIL	Center for Independent Living
★	CLE	Center for Law and Education
	CPRC	Community Parent Resource Center
	DOE	Department of Education
	DRS	Department of Rehabilitative Services
	DSS	Department of Social Services
♦		Easter Seals
	ERIC	Educational Resources Information Center
	ESA	Educational Service Agency
♦		Epilepsy Foundation
★	FAPE	Families and Advocates Partnership for Education
★	FE	Fiesta Educativa
★	FFCMH	Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health
	FRC	Federal Resource Center
★	FV	Family Voices
	ICC	Interagency Coordinating Council
	IDA	The International Dyslexia Association
	ILC	Independent Living Center
♦	LDA	Learning Disabilities Association of America

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	LEA	Local Education Agency
	MDA	Muscular Dystrophy Association
	NAEYC	National Association for the Education of Young Children
	NAMI	National Alliance for the Mentally Ill
♦	NAPAS	National Association of Protection and Advocacy Systems
★	NAPVI	National Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments
	NASBE	National Association of State Boards of Education
	NASDSE	National Association of State Directors of Special Education
	NCD	National Council on Disability
★	NCIL	National Council on Independent Living
★	NCPIE	National Coalition for Parent Involvement in Education
	NCLD	National Center for Learning Disabilities
★	NDSC	National Down Syndrome Congress
	NDSS	National Down Syndrome Society
	NEA	National Education Association
	NFB	National Federation for the Blind
	NICHCY	National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities
★	NICWA	National Indian Child Welfare Association
	NIDRR	National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research
	NMHA	National Mental Health Association
♦	NOPBC	National Organization of Parents of Blind Children
	NORD	National Organization for Rare Disorders
♦	NPND	National Parent Network on Disabilities

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NPPSIS	National Parent to Parent Support and Information System
OCR	Office for Civil Rights
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OSEP	Office for Special Education Programs at the U.S. Department of Education
OSERS	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services at the U.S. Department of Education
♦	100 Black Men of America
P & A	Protection and Advocacy Agency
PACER	Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights
PBIS	OSEP's Center for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports
PIRC	Parent Information and Resource Center
PTI	Parent Training and Information Center
RSA	Rehabilitative Services Agency
♦	SBAA Spina Bifida Association of America
SEA	State Education Agency
SSA	Social Security Administration
♦	TASH Formerly The Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps
♦	TSA Tourette Syndrome Association, Inc.
UAP	University Affiliated Program
♦	UCP United Cerebral Palsy Associations
UCPA	United Cerebral Palsy Association

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