

An acronym is a way of referencing a program or organization by using the initial letters of its name. In line with our mission to promote full participation for all, Disability Rights Nebraska endeavors to steer clear of acronyms. Nonetheless, given the intricate names of certain programs and funding sources, acronyms may occasionally appear in written materials and conversations. Here's a compilation of common acronyms you might encounter.

### **Commonly Used Acronyms & Abbreviations**

ABLE Act	Achieving a Better Life Experience Act
AABD	Assistance to Aged, Blind and Disabled (state supplement to SSI recipients)
AAIDD	American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (previously AAMR)
AC	Advisory Council
ACA	Affordable Care Act
ACL	Administration for Community Living
ACF	Administration for Children & Families (federal branch of Department of Health & Human Services under which the Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD) is administered)
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act (an act passed in 1990 that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for people with disabilities similar to those provided to individuals on the basis of race, sex, national origin, age and religion)
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADD	Administration on Developmental Disabilities (federal agency responsible for overseeing activities under the Federal Developmental Disabilities Act)
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
AMI	Alliance for the Mentally Ill
ASDs	Autism Spectrum Disorders
ATC	Assistive Technology Center
ATP	Assistive Technology Partnership

BD	Behavior disorder
BIP	Behavior Intervention Plan
BMD	Ballot Marking Device
BMP	Behavior Modification Program
BOD	Board of Directors
BPD	Bi-Polar Disorder
BPD	Borderline Personality Disorder
BSDC	Beatrice State Developmental Center
CA	Citizen Advocacy
CAN	Community Alternatives Nebraska (provider of services in Lancaster County, Nebraska)
CAP	Client Assistance Program
CCD	Consortium of Citizens with Disabilities
CDC	Child Development Center
CDD	Center for Development & Disability
CMHS	Center for Mental Health Services
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
CNCHEC	Central Nebraska Community Health Education Corporation
CQL	Council on Quality and Leadership
CP	Cerebral Palsy
CR	Continuing Resolution
DAD	Disability Advocacy Database
DD	Developmental Disabilities
DD Act	Developmental Disabilities Assistance & Bill of Rights Act
DDC	Developmental Disabilities Council
DDD	Division of Developmental Disabilities
DHHS	Department of Health & Human Services
DOE	Department of Education
DOJ	Department of Justice
DPFSP	Disabled Persons & Family Support Program (administered by the Department of Health & Human Services)

DSA	Designated State Agency  (agency at the state or territorial level responsible for receiving, disbursing and accounting for Federal Developmental Disabilities Act and other funds received by the Council' providing assurances; and supplying administrative support)
EAN	Epilepsy Association of Nebraska
ENCOR	Eastern Nebraska Community Office of Retardation
EPI	Epilepsy
ESSA	Every Student Succeeds Act
ESU	Educational Service Unit
FAQ	Frequently asked questions
FAS/FAE	Fetal Alcohol Syndrome/Fetal Alcohol Effects
FBA	Functional Behavioral Assessment  (SPED related term used to determine the needs of a child to develop a Behavior Intervention Plan)
FY	Fiscal Year
HAVA	Help America Vote Act
HCBS	Home and Community Based Services
HCBW	Home & Community Based Waiver  (funding for services through Medicaid administered by DHHS)
HRSA	Health Resources and Services Administration
ICF / MR	Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEE	Independent Educational Evaluation
IEP	Individualized Education Program or Individual Employment Plan
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan
IJP	Individual Justice Plan
ILC	Independent Living Council or Independent Living Center
IPP	Individual Program Plan
IRS	Internal Revenue Service
I&R	Information & Referral
JTPA	Job Training Partnership Act

LAT	Legal Advocacy Team
LB	Legislative Bill
LRC	Lincoln Regional Center
MH	Mental Health
MHB	Mental Health Board
MHLP	Mental Health Law Project
MI	Mental Illness
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MR	Mental Retardation
MS	Multiple Sclerosis
MTARS	Monitoring and Technical Assistance Review System
NAMI	National Alliance on Mental Illness
NCLB	No Child Left Behind
NDRN	National Disability Rights Network (formerly NAPAS – National Association of Protection & Advocacy Systems)
NIDRR	National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research
NOS	Not Otherwise Specified
NRC	Norfolk Regional Center
OCD	Obsessive/Compulsive Disorder
OMB	Office of Management & Budget
OSERS	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services
OT	Occupational Therapy
ORTH	Orthopedic
P&A	Protection & Advocacy
PAAT	Protection & Advocacy for Assistive Technology
PABRP	Strengthening Protections for Social Security Beneficiaries
PABSS	Protection & Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security
PADD	Protection & Advocacy for Developmental Disabilities
PAIMI	Protection & Advocacy for Mental Illness
PAIR	Protection & Advocacy for Individual Rights
PATBI	Protection & Advocacy for Persons with Traumatic Brain Injury

PAVA	Protection & Advocacy for Voting Access
PHY	Physical
PPR	Program Performance Report
PR	Public Relations
PT	Physical Therapy
PTSD	Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
Rehab Act	Rehabilitation Act
RSA	Rehabilitation Services Administration
SA	Self-Advocacy
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
SB	Spina Bifida
SBAN	Spina Bifida Association of Nebraska
SC	Service Coordinator
SCH	Schizophrenia
SCH AFF	Schizophrenia Affective
SLD	Specific Learning Disability
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility
SOP	Statement of Objectives & Priorities
SPED	Special Education
SRV	Social Role Valorization
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSDI	Social Security Disability Income
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
ST	Speech Therapy
STC	Short-Term Care
TA	Technical Assistance
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
TASC	Training and Advocacy Support Center (previously ATTAC – Advocacy Training & Technical Assistance Center)

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TASH	The Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
Title XIX	Medicaid Program covers medical services for all individuals in families.
Title XX	Block Grants to States for Social Services
TX	Treatment
UAP	University Affiliated Program
UCEDD	University Centers for Excellence in Development Disabilities Education, Research and Service
UCP	United Cerebral Palsy
UNK	University of Nebraska at Kearney
UNL	University of Nebraska at Lincoln
UNMC	University of Nebraska Medical Center
UNO	University of Nebraska at Omaha
VR / Voc Rehab	Vocational Rehabilitation

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