

Frequently Used Abbreviations/Acronyms of Programs that Serve Infants and Toddlers with Special Needs

AA	adjusted age	HI	hearing impaired
ABA	applied behavioral analysis	HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act	HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
ADD	attention deficit disorder	HMO	health maintenance organization
ADHD	attention deficit hyperactivity disorder	HS	Healthy Start or Head Start
AHCA	(Florida) Agency for Health Care Administration	HSP	Head Start Program
APD	Agency for Persons with Disabilities	IEP	Individual Educational Plan
ARC	Association for Retarded Citizens	IFSP	Individualized Family Support (Service) Plan
ASD	autism spectrum disorders or atrial septal defect	ITDS	Infant Toddler Developmental Specialist
ASL	American Sign Language	lb	pound
Chrono or CA	chronological age	LBW	low birth weight
CARD	Center for Autism and Related Disabilities	LD	learning disability or learning disabled
CMS	Children's Medical Services	LEA	local education agency
CP	cerebral palsy	LES	Local Early Steps
DBS	Division of Blind Services	LRE	least restrictive environment
DCF	Department of Children & Families	MED	Medicaid
DD	developmental disabilities or development delay	MR	mental retardation or medical record
DD Council	Developmental Disabilities Council	OT	occupational therapy
DOB	date of birth	PDD	pervasive developmental disorder
DOE	Department of Education	Psy.	psychologist
DOH	Department of Health	PHY or PT	physical therapy
DS	Down Syndrome	PNL	prior notice letter
EHS	Early Head Start	POC	plan of care
EI	early intervention	Prek ESE	Prekindergarten Exceptional Student Education
elig.	eligible, eligibility	PSP	primary service provider
ES	Early Steps	SHINE	Serving Hearing Impaired Newborns Effectively
ESE	exceptional student education	SI	special instructions, sensory integration or sensory impairment
ESSO	Early Steps State Office	SIC	special instruction consultation
FAPE	free appropriate public education	S/L or Sp/L	speech/language
FDLRS	Florida Diagnostic Learning & Resources System	SS	social security
FKC	Florida Kid care	SS#	social security number
FND	Family Network for Disabilities	TPIN	third party insurance
FRS	Family Resource Specialist	UCP	United Cerebral Palsy
FSDB	Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind	VI	visually impaired
GA	gestational age	VLBW	very low birth weight
HF	Healthy Families		

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