

Early Childhood Acronyms

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Acronym	Name
A-	
AAA	American Academy of Audiology
AAC	Augmentative & Alternative Communication
ABA	Applied Behavior Analysis
AAP	American Academy of Pediatrics
ACA	Affordable Care Act
ABR	Auditory Brainstem Response
ACF	Administration for Children & Families
ADA	American with Disabilities Act
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
AI-ANPB	American Indian-Alaskan Native Program Branch (Head Start)
ALD	Assistive Listening Device
AOTA	American Occupational Therapy Association
APR	Annual Performance Report
APTA	American Physical Therapy Association
ARC	Attachment Self-Regulation & Competency
ARD	Admission Review and Dismissal
ARM	Administrative Rules of Montana
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorder
ASHA	American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
ASL	American Sign Language
ASQ & ASQ-SE	Ages and Stages Questionnaire & Ages and Stages Questionnaire-Social Emotional
AT	Assistive Technology
AUD	Audiology
AVT	Auditory Verbal Training
AVI	Auditory Verbal International
A/V	Auditory Verbal Therapy
B-	
BB	Best Beginnings
BBAC	Best Beginnings Advisory Council (Montana)
BIE	Bureau of Indian Education
BI/BI	Bilingual-Bicultural
BBER	Bureau of Business & Economic Research (University of MT, Kids Count housed in BBER)
BIR	Behavior Incident Report
BEST	Bringing Early Success To Providers (a Montana child care training)
BAS	Business Administration Scale (Family Child Care)
C-	
CCC	Certified in Clinical Competence
CACFP	Child & Adult Care Food Program
CADRE	Consortium for Appropriate Dispute Resolution in Special Education
CAP	Community Action Program

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CAPS	Child & Adult Protective Services
CAPTA	Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act
CAW	Childhood Autism Waiver
CCA	Child Care Aware (child care resource)
CCDBG	Child Care Development Block Grant (same as CCDF—see below)
CCUBS	Child Care Under the Big Sky (MT early care & education child care computer system)
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant
CCR&R	Child Care Resource & Referral
CCDF	Child Care Development Fund
CDF	Children’s Defense fund
CDA	Child Development Associate Credential
CDC	Center for Disease Control
CDC	Child Development Center (Headquartered in Missoula)
CEC	Council for Exceptional Children
CELL	Center for Early Literacy Learning
CLASS	Classroom Assessment Scoring System
CM	Case Management
CMS	Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services
CoP	Community of Practice
COPSSE	Center on Personal Studies in Special Education
CPRC	Community Parent Resource Centers
CQI	Continuous Quality Improvement
CSED	Child Support Enforcement Division
CSEFEL	Center on the Social Emotional Foundations of Early Learning (no longer funded)
CSHCN	Children with Special Health Care Needs
CSPD	Comprehensive System of Personnel Development
CTF	Children’s Trust Fund
CEDAR	Collaboration for Effective Education Accountability and Reform
D-	
DAC	Data Accountability Center
DAP	Developmentally Appropriate Practice
DD	Developmental Delay or Developmental Disability
DDP	Developmental Disability Program (Montana)
DEC	Division of Early Childhood (of the CEC)
DEAP	Developmental Educational Assistance Program (Montana)
DIBELS	Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills
DLL	Dual Language Learners
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services (US)
DPHHS	Department of Public Health and Human Services (Montana)
E-	
EC	Early Childhood
ECC	Early Childhood Coalition
ECCS	Early Childhood Comprehensive System
ECE	Early Childhood Education

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ECI	Early Childhood Intervention
ECLKC	Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center
ECPPD	Early Childhood Partnership for Professional Development (Montana)
EC PSC	Early Childhood Permissive Special Competency (Montana)
ECERS-R	Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale-Revised
ECP	The Early Childhood Project (Montana State University)
ECO	Early Childhood Outcomes
ECSB	Early Childhood Services Bureau (DPHHS Montana)
ECSE	Early Childhood Special Education
ECTA	Early Childhood Technical Assistance
EDGAR	Education Department General Administrative Regulations
EHDI	Early Hearing Detection & Intervention
EHS	Early Head Start
EHS CCP	Early Head Start Child Care Partnership
EI	Early Intervention
ELE	Essential Learning Expectation
ELL	English Language Learners
ELLCO	Early Literacy & Language Classroom Observation
ELO	Extra Learning Opportunity
EP	Evaluation Plan
EPSDT	Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis & Treatment
ER	Evaluation Report
ERIC	Educational Resource Information Center
ERF	Early Reading First
ESEA	Elementary & Secondary Education Act
F-	
FAE	Fetal Alcohol Effect
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education
FAS	Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
FBA	Functional Behavioral Assessment
FCCERS-R	Family Child Care Environmental Rating Scale-R
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
FFN	Family, Friend and Neighbor Care
FSS	Family Support Specialist
FSSAC	Family Support Service Advisory Council (Montana)
FWP	Fish Wildlife & Parks (Montana)
G-	
GATE	Gifted & Talented Education
GRPA	Government Performance & Results Act
GSEG	General Supervision Education Grant
H-	
HHS	US Department of Health & Human Services
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act

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HELP	Hawaii Early Learning Profile
HI	Hearing Impaired
HMK	Healthy Montana Kids
HRDC	Human Resource Development Council
HSSCO	Head Start State Collaboration Office
I-	
ICC	Interagency Coordinating Council (Montana)
ITERS-R	Infant/Toddler Environmental Rating Scale-Revised
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act
IEP	Individual Education Plan
IERS	Institute for Educational Research & Service
IES	Institute of Educational Services
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan
IHE	Institution of Higher Education
IEFA	Indian Education for All (MT Office of Public Instruction)
IHS	Indian Health Service
ISC	Individual Support Coordinator
L-	
LAP	Learning Accomplishment Profile
LAUNCH	Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children’s Health
LEA	Local Education Agency
LICC	Local Interagency Coordinating Council
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
LCP/LCI	Legally Certified Provider/Legally Certified In-home Provider (Child Care—Montana)
M-	
MAC	Montana Advocates for Children
MAEP	Montana Adaptive Equipment Program
MAEP	Montana Autism Education Project
MBI	Montana Behavior Initiative
MCE	Manual Codes for English
MCCR&R	Montana Child Care Resource & Referral Network
MCCS	Montana Common Core Standards
MCD	Montana Council on Disabilities
MCDC	Montana Community Development Corporation
MCEC	Montana Council for Exceptional Children
MCH	Maternal & Child Health
MECAP	Montana Early Childhood Apprenticeship Program
MEISR	Measurement of Engagement, Independence, & Social Relationships
MIECHV	Maternal, Infant, & Early Childhood Home Visiting Program
MM	Montana Milestones (Part C Early Intervention)
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPDG	Montana Preschool Development Grant
MPRRC	Mountain Plains Regional Resource Center

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MSDB	Montana School for the Deaf and Blind
MSHA	Montana Speech & Hearing Association
MSIP	Monitoring & State Improvement Planning of OSEP (Office of Special Education Programs)
MSRRC	Mid-South Regional Resource Center
MSRP	Montana Striving Readers Project
MtAEYC	Montana Association for the Education of Young Children
MCCA	Montana Child Care Association
MTHSA	Montana Head Start Association
MTPEL	Montana Partnership for Early Literacy
MT PIRC	Montana Parent Information and Resource Center
MT CTF	Montana Children's Trust Fund
MTSS	Multi-tiered System of Support
N-	
NAEYC	National Association for the Education of Young Children
NAECS/SDE	National Association of Early Childhood Specialists in State Departments of Education
NAFCC	National Association of Family Child Care
NASBE	National Association of State Boards of Education
NCLB	No Child Left Behind
NCRECE	National Center for Research in Early Childhood Education
NCRRC	North Central Regional Resource Center
NCECDTL	National Center on Early Childhood Development, Teaching & Learning (Head Start & Child Care)
NECTAC	National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center
NECTC	National Early Childhood Transition Center
NEILS	National Early Childhood Intervention Longitudinal Study
NERRC	Northeast Regional Resource Center
NHSA	National Head Start Association
NICHCY	National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities
NICU	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
NIH	National Institute of Health
NPDCI	National Professional Development Center on Inclusion
NPRM	Notice of Proposed Rule Making
O-	
OAE	Otoacoustic Emissions
OERI	Office of Educational Research and Improvement
OHS	Office of Head Start
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OPA	Office of Public Assistance
OPI	Office of Public Instruction (Montana)
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs
OSERS	Office of Special Education & Rehabilitative Services
OT	Occupational Therapy
P-	
P21	Partnership for 21st Century

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PAS	Program Administration Scale (Child Care Center)
PACER	Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights
PART	Program Assessment Rating Tool
PAT	Parents as Teachers
PBS	Positive Behavioral Supports
PBIS	Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports
PDD-NOS	Pervasive Developmental Delay-Not Otherwise Specified
PECS	Picture Exchange Communication System
PEELS	Pre-elementary Education Longitudinal Study
PERPS	Professional Educator Preparation Program Standards
PHI	Personal Health Information
PIR	Program Information Report (Head Start data)
PLUK	Parents Lets Unite for Kids
Project REAL	Project Responsive Education for All Learners
PRT	Pivotal Response Training
PT	Physical Therapy
PTI	Parent Training and Information Centers
Q-	
QAD	Quality Assurance Division (Montana)
QLC	Quality Life Concepts (Montana)
QRIS	Quality Rating Improvement System
R-	
R & R	Resource and Referral (Child Care Resource & Referral)
RBA	Results Based Accountability
RBI	Routines-Based Interview
RBEI	Routines-Based Early Intervention
RFP	Request for Proposal
RtI	Response to Intervention
RTT-ELC	Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge grant
S-	
SAM	School Administrators of Montana
SEE	Signing Exact English
SHHH	Self Help for Hard of Hearing People
SLP	Speech Language Pathologist
SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
SOC	Systems of Care
SPED	Special Education
SRT	Speech Reception Threshold
SSHSI	Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative
STARS	Best Beginnings STARS to Quality (Montana child care quality improvement system)
T-	
T/TA	Training and Technical Assistance
TA	Technical Assistance
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
TACSEI	Technical Assistance Center on Social Emotional Interventions

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TC	Total Communication
TDD	Telecommunication Device for the Deaf
TOD	Teacher of the Deaf
TSA	The Sponsor Agency
TQRIS	Tiered Quality Rating Improvement System
U-	
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
-V-	
VRA	Visual Reinforcement Audiometry
W-	
WIC	Women, Infants & Children
WEEL	Working for Equality and Economic Liberation