

# **The ABC's of DRTx, Government and Special Education**

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ACLF	Adult Congregated Living Facility
ACLU	American Civil Liberties Union
ACYF	Administration for Children, Youth & Families
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADAAA	Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008
ADD	Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, US Dept. of Health and Human Services
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ADRA	Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association
AG	Attorney General
AHA	American Hospital Association
AI	Auditorially Impaired
AIDS	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
AMA	American Medical Association
AO	Administrative Officer
APA	American Psychiatric Association
ARC	Formerly the Association for Retarded Citizens
ARD	Admission, Review and Dismissal Committee of public schools that makes special education decisions.
ASH	Austin State Hospital
ASL	American Sign Language
ASSLC	Austin State Supported Living Center
AT	Assistive Technology
ATCIC	Austin Travis County Integral Care
ATTAC	Advocacy Training/Technical Assistance Center
ATTY	Attorney
BIP	Behavior Intervention Plan
BCLS	Basic Civil Legal Services
CAN	Community Action Network
CANRS	Client Abuse Neglect Record Keeping System

CAP	Client Assistance Program (for vocational rehabilitation clients and client applicants, implemented in Texas by DRTx)
CAP	Corrective Action Plan
CASSP	Child & Adolescent Services System Program
CDC	Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CHIP	Children's Health Insurance Program
CIRS	Client Injury Reporting System
CMS	Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services
CRCG	Community Resource Coordination Group
CRS	Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services
CSAP	Center for Substance Abuse Prevention
CSAT	Center for Substance Abuse Treatment
CSHCN	Children with Special Health Care Needs
CTD	Coalition of Texans with Disabilities
CWA	Communications Workers of America
D&E	Diagnosis and Evaluation for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities
DADS	Department of Aging and Disability Services
DARS	Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services
DB	Deaf-Blind
DBS	Division for Blind Services
DBMAT	Deaf-Blind Multi-handicapped Association of Texas
DD	Developmental Disabilities
DD Council	Texas Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities
DDP&A	Developmental Disabilities Protection & Advocacy
DDS	Disability Determination Services
DFPS	Department of Family and Protective Services
DOE	U.S. Department of Education
DOJ	Department of Justice
DPC	Disability Policy Consortium
DPRS	Department of Protective & Regulatory Services
DRS	Division for Rehabilitation Services
DRTx	Disability Rights Texas
DSHS	Department of State Health Services



DSM	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders
E&T	Education and Training (Service Rendered by DRTx staff members)
ECI	Early Childhood Intervention for infants and toddlers from 0-3yrs.
ECT	Electroconvulsive Therapy
EDGAR	Education Department General Administrative Regulations
ED	Emotionally Disturbed
ED	Executive Director (DRTx)
EE	Employee
EEOC	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
ER	Employer
ESL	English as Second Language
ELP	DRTx El Paso Texas Regional Office in El Paso, TX
ERS	Extended Rehabilitation Services, Texas Rehabilitation Commission
ESC	Education Service Center (21 Regional Centers in TX)
ESEA	Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
ETX	DRTx East Texas Regional Office in Houston
EXE	Executive Unit
EYS	Extended Year Services
F.2d	Federal Reporter (2nd); Reporting cases decided by U. S. Courts of Appeals
F.Supp	Federal Supplement; Reporting some cases decided by U. S. District Courts
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education
FDA	Food & Drug Administration
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
FICC	Federal Interagency Coordinating Council
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act
FR	Federal Register
FTE	Full time equivalent
FY	Fiscal Year
FY XX	Fiscal Year 201_ (for example FY '13, from 10/01/'2 to 09/30/13)
GAO	Government Accounting Office
GCDP	Governor's Committee on Persons with Disabilities
GPRA	Government Performance and Results Act of 1993
GRI	Grant Related Income

HAVA	Help America Vote Act
HB	House Bill
HCBS	Health and Community Based Services
HCR #	House Concurrent Resolution # _____ (Texas Legislature)
HH	Hard of Hearing
HHS	United State Department of Health and Human Services
HHSC	Texas Health and Human Services Commission
HHSCC	Texas Health and Human Services Coordinating Council (state planning and coordinating group.)
HI	Hearing Impaired
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization
HR	Human Resources
HRSA	Health Resources and Services Administration
ICF	Intermediate Care Facility
ICF/IDD	Intermediate Care Facilities for the Person with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IDELR	Individuals with Disabilities Education Law Report
IEE	Independent Educational Evaluation
IEP	Individualized Education Program
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan (ages 0-3)
IHO	Independent Hearing Officer
IHP	Individual Habilitation Plan
ILC	Independent Living Center
ILS	Independent Living Services
IMR	Information, Material, Referral
INS	Immigration and Naturalization Services
IOLTA	Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts
IPE	Individualized Plan for Employment
IPP	Individual Program Plan
IQ	Intelligence quotient
ISD	Independent School District
IT	Information Technology
ITP	Individualized Transition Plan

IWRP	Individual Written Rehabilitation Plan
JCAHO	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals Organization
JJAEP	Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program
LBB	Legislative Budget Board
LD	Learning Disability
LDA	Learning Disabilities Association of America
LDAT	Learning Disabilities Association of Texas
LEA	Local educational agency (school district)
LEP	Limited English Proficient
LOC	Level of Care rating in the ICF/IDD program
LPAC	Language Proficiency Assessment Committee
LRA	Least Restrictive Alternative
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment (educational)
MCAC	Medical Care Advisory Committee (TDHS)
MCO	Managed Care Organizations
MCTEP	Managed Care Training and Education Program
MDT	Multidisciplinary Team
META	Mental Health Association
MEAT	Mental Health Association of Texas
MHC	Mental Health Code
MELP	Mental Health Law Project
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MRPA	Mentally Retarded Persons Act
MTARS	Monitoring and Technical Assistance Review System
NAC	East Texas Satellite Office, DRTx at Nacogdoches
NAEP	National Assessment of Educational Progress
NAPS	National Association of Psychiatric Survivors
NARPA	National Association for Rights Protection and Advocacy
NASBE	National Association of State Boards of Education
NASDSE	National Association of State Directors of Special Education
NCEO	National Center for Educational Outcomes
NCLD	National Center for Law and the Deaf
NDRN	National Disability Rights Network

NECTAS	National Early Childhood Technical Assistance System
NGA	Notice of Grant Award
NICHCY	National Information Dissemination Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities
NICHD	National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
NIDRR	National Institute for Disability and Rehabilitative Research
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NIMH	National Institute of Mental Health
NPRM	Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
NTA	National Transition Alliance for Youth with Disabilities
NTX	DRTx North Texas Regional Office in Dallas
OBRA	Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
O&M	Orientation and Mobility
OCR	Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education
OERI	Office of Educational Research and Improvement
OFCCP	Office of Federal Contracts Compliance Program
OHI	Other Health Impaired
OIG	Office of Inspector General
OJJDP	Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs, U.S. Department of Education
OSERS	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, U.S. Department of Education
OT	Occupational Therapy
P&A	Protection and Advocacy Agency
PABSS	Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security
PADD	Protection and Advocacy for Developmental Disabilities
PAIMI	Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness
PAIR	Protection and Advocacy for Individual Rights
PASRR	Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review
PATH	Partners for Assisting Texans with Handicaps, parents-training-parents project
PDD	Pervasive Developmental Disorder
PEIMS	Public Education Information Management System at TEA
PPO	Preferred Provider Organization
PPR	Program Performance Report

P. L. 94-142	Public Law 94-142, the Education for All Handicapped Children Act, passed by Congress
PRA	Protection and Regulatory Agency
PT	Physical Therapy
QMB	Qualified Medicare Beneficiary
RCF	Residential Care Facility
RCTF	Residential Care and Treatment Facility
RDSPD	Regional Day School for the Deaf
REGS	Regulations
RRC	Regional Resource Center
RRFC	Regional Resource Federal Center
RSA	Rehabilitation Services Administration, U.S. Dept. of Education
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
SAS	Standard Application System
SB	Senate Bill
SBOE	State Board of Education
SBOT	State Bar of Texas
SCR #	State Concurrent Resolution # _____ (Texas Legislature)
SDFS	Safe and Drug Free Schools Program
SEA	State Educational Agency
SED	Serious emotional disturbance, seriously emotionally disturbed, severe emotional disturbance
SI	Speech Impaired
SICC	State Interagency Coordinating Council
SIT	Sensory Integration Therapy
SLD	Specific Learning Disability
SNAP	Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility
SSA	Shared Services Arrangement
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
SSLC	State Supported Living Center
STX	DRTx South Texas Regional Office in San Antonio
TAAS	Texas Assessment of Academic Skills

TAC	Texas Administrative Code
TA&D	Technical Assistance and Dissemination
TAJF	Texas Access to Justice Foundation
TASH	National Disability Advocacy Organization
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
TCASE	Texas Council of Administrators of Special Education
TCCC	Texas Council of Community Centers
TCCMHM	Texas Council of Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Centers
R TCD	Texas Department of Corrections
TCLU	Texas Civil Liberties Union
TDC	Texas Department of Corrections
TDHCA	Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
TDPRS	Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services
TEA	Texas Education Agency
TEC	Texas Education Code
TECH	Texas Assistive Technology Partnership Project
TEKS	Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills
TEXAMI	Texas Alliance for the Mentally Ill
Ticket	Ticket-To-Work Incentives Program, Administered by the Social Security Commission
Title XIX	Medicare/Medicaid benefits paid for eligible individuals under the Social Security Act
Title XX	Social Services block grants to the state under the Social Security Act
TCDD	Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities
TRLA	Texas Rural Legal Aid
TSBVI	Texas School for the Blind and Visually-Impaired
TSD TYC	Texas School for the Deaf
TWC	Texas Youth Commission
UCP	Texas Workforce Commission
UMCOR	United Cerebral Palsy Association, Inc.
U.S. or	United Methodist Committee on Relief
S. Ct.	United States Reports or Supreme Court Reporter; Reporting U.S. Supreme Court Cases.
USC	United States Code
VAC	Vocational Adjustment Class
VACS or Vernon's	Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes (named for the codification of Texas Statutes)

VI	Visually Impaired
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation
VRC	Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor
WTX	DRTx West Texas Regional Office in Lubbock