

## Glossary of Council Acronym

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**Administration on Community Living (ACL)** – Federal agency overseeing programs for individuals with disabilities, seniors, and independent living centers.

**Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD)** – Oversees DD Councils under the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act. Part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

**Adults Public Assistance Program (APA)** – Cash benefits for low-income seniors, blind individuals, or people with disabilities receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

**Ageing and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)** – State-sponsored system connecting seniors, individuals with disabilities, and caregivers with long-term services and supports.

**Alaska Association on Developmental Disabilities (AADD)** – Provider association advocating for services for people with developmental disabilities in Alaska.

**Alaska Brain Injury Network (ABIN)** – Agency focused on education, planning, and advocacy for individuals with brain injuries.

**Alaska Coalition on Housing and Homelessness (AKCH2)** – Statewide organization developing strategies to increase affordable housing and eliminate homelessness in Alaska.

**Alaska Health and Disability Program (AHDP)** – Program aimed at improving health and emergency preparedness for individuals with disabilities, funded by the CDC.

**Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC)** – Provides affordable housing loans, public housing, energy efficiency programs, and housing for seniors and individuals with disabilities.

**Alaska Infant Learning Provider Association (AILPA)** – Association of agencies providing services to infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.

**Alaska Integrated Employment Initiative (AIEI)** – A five-year federal grant program aimed at increasing employment for youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (TRUST)** – State corporation managing a trust for beneficiaries, including individuals with developmental disabilities, mental illness, substance abuse disorders, and seniors with dementia.

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**Alaska Psychiatric Institute (API)** – Psychiatric hospital in Anchorage serving individuals with mental health conditions.

**Alaska Safety Planning Empowerment Network (ASPEN)** – Council project focused on coordinating services between provider agencies and the domestic violence/sexual assault communities for individuals with developmental disabilities.

**Alaska Statewide Special Education Conference (ASSEC)** – Annual conference for special education professionals in Alaska.

**American Association on Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD)** – Interdisciplinary association dedicated to professionals and individuals involved in intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)** – Federal law ensuring civil rights protections and equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities in employment, public services, transportation, and telecommunications.

**Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)** – A professional field using learning principles to enhance socially desirable behaviors, relying on data to measure progress.

**Arc of Anchorage (ARCA)** – Non-profit advocacy organization dedicated to supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

**Assistive Technology (AT)** – Devices or equipment used to enhance the functioning abilities of individuals with disabilities.

**Assistive Technology of Alaska (ATLA)** – Statewide provider of assistive technology services under the Assistive Technology Act.

**Association for People Supporting Employment First (APSE)** – National association advocating for integrated employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

**Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)** – A group of developmental disorders affecting social interaction, communication, and behavior, including autism, Asperger syndrome, and PDD-NOS.

**Beneficiary Employment and Engagement Trust Initiative (BEE)** – Trust initiative focused on improving employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

**Center for Human Development (CHD)** – UAA program offering education, training, and services related to intellectual and developmental disabilities as part of the University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities.

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**Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)** – Federal agency responsible for administering Medicaid, Medicare, and related services.

**Client Assistance Program (CAP)** – Program helping individuals navigate vocational rehabilitation and independent living services.

**Community Parent Resource Company (CPRC)** – Provides training, referrals, and support for parents of children with disabilities in the Mat-Su area.

**Community Rehabilitation Provider (CRP)** – Individuals approved to provide supported employment services for clients of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

**Community Work Incentives Coordinator (CWIC)** – Certified individuals providing information on how employment impacts Social Security benefits for individuals with disabilities.

**Complex Behavior Collaborative (CBC)** – State program offering intensive support and intervention for individuals with challenging behaviors, reducing the need for institutional placement.

**Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)** – National organization for professionals and parents working to improve education for children with disabilities.

**Denali KidCare (DKC)** – State program providing health insurance to children from low-income families.

**Department of Education and Early Development (DEED)** – Alaska's state department overseeing education for children and early development services.

**Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)** – Federal department overseeing services that improve health, safety, and well-being.

**Department of Health (DOH)** – State department responsible for services related to senior and disability care, public assistance, juvenile justice, and public health.

**Developmental Disabilities Registration and Review (DDRR/Waitlist)** – Process used by the Division of Senior and Disability Services to determine eligibility for services.

**Developmentally Disabled Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (DD Act)** – Federal law creating DD Councils and outlining protections for individuals with developmental disabilities.

**Disability Law Center of Alaska (DLCA)** – Alaska's protection and advocacy agency providing legal advocacy for individuals with disabilities.

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**Division of Behavioral Health (BH/DBH)** – State agency offering services to individuals with mental health conditions.

**Division of Public Assistance (DPA)** – State agency administering public benefits such as food stamps and public assistance checks.

**Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)** – State agency assisting individuals with disabilities to obtain and maintain employment.

**Durable Medical Equipment (DME)** – Medical equipment needed to assist individuals with disabilities, covered by Medicare/Medicaid (e.g., wheelchairs).

**Early & Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT)** – Medicaid component requiring states to provide screening, diagnosis, and treatment for low-income children.

**Early Intervention Committee (EIC)** – Council committee making recommendations for early intervention services for children with disabilities.

**Early Intervention/Infant Learning Program State Office (EI/ILP)** – State office responsible for early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities.

**Education Committee (EC)** – Handles day-to-day operations of the Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP), Alaska's council providing guidance on special education policies.

**Evaluation Summary and Eligibility Report (ESER)** – Document summarizing an evaluation to determine a student's eligibility for special education services. Conducted every three years.

**Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)** – Federal law protecting the privacy of students receiving special education services.

**Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)** – Group of conditions caused by maternal alcohol use during pregnancy, leading to developmental disabilities.

**Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)** – Provision under IDEA guaranteeing children with disabilities the right to an education suited to their individual needs.

**Functional Behavioral Assessment (FBA)** – Assessment to determine the reasons behind inappropriate behavior and to develop interventions.

**Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education (GCDSE)** – Alaska's DD Council, SEAP, and governing board for SESA, advocating for individuals with disabilities.

**Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)** – Federal law ensuring the privacy and security of personal health information.

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**Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS)** – Services provided to individuals with disabilities in their communities, often through Medicaid waivers.

**Housing and Urban Development (HUD)** – Federal agency managing housing assistance, fair housing, and community development programs.

**Impairment Related Work Expense (IRWE)** – Social Security work incentive allowing individuals with disabilities to deduct certain work-related expenses.

**Individualized Education Plan (IEP)** – Customized education plan for students with disabilities, developed under IDEA guidelines.

**Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)** – Plan for early intervention services provided to infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.

**Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE)** – Plan outlining employment goals and services for individuals working with vocational rehabilitation.

**Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)** – Federal law ensuring students with disabilities receive appropriate education services. Includes Part C for early intervention services.

**Infant Learning Program Provider (ILP)** – Local agencies providing early intervention services for children with disabilities (birth to age 3) and their families.

**Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD)** – Lifelong disabilities resulting in substantial limitations in major life activities, including intellectual and physical impairments.

**Interagency Coordinating Council on Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities (ICC)** – Alaska's council advocating for early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities.

**Intermediate Care Facility for individuals with I/DD (ICF/IDD)** – Facility providing care for individuals with developmental disabilities. Alaska currently has no ICF/IDD facilities.

**Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND)** – Interdisciplinary graduate-level training program focused on improving care and services for children with developmental disabilities.

**Least Restrictive Environment (LRE)** – IDEA requirement ensuring that children with disabilities are educated with their peers to the greatest extent possible.

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**Local Education Agency (LEA)** – Local school district responsible for providing special education services.

**Medicare** – Federal health insurance for people aged 65 and over, or those with certain disabilities.

**Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized Receipts (MHTAAR)** – Funding directed by the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority for beneficiary services.

**National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD)** – National organization supporting state DD Councils to promote consumer and family-centered services.

**National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)** – National organization supporting protection and advocacy agencies for individuals with disabilities.

**National Institute on Disability & Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR)** – Federal agency supporting research on rehabilitation and integration of individuals with disabilities.

**Occupational Therapy (OT)** – Therapy focused on developing, recovering, or maintaining skills for daily living and work.

**Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP)** – Federal Department of Labor office promoting employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

**Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services (OSERS)** – Federal agency overseeing special education and rehabilitation programs.

**Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)** – Federal office managing special education programs for children with disabilities.

**Personal Care Assistant (PCA)** – Individual assisting people with disabilities with daily activities.

**Physical Therapy (PT)** – Therapy aimed at improving movement, mobility, and quality of life for individuals with physical impairments.

**Plan-to-Achieve Self-Support (PASS)** – Social Security work incentive allowing individuals to set aside resources to achieve employment goals.

**Positive Behavioral Supports (PBS/PBIS)** – Evidence-based framework used in schools to improve behavior and learning environments.

**Present Levels of Educational Performance (PLEP)** – Statement in a child's IEP describing their current academic and developmental performance.



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**Protection and Advocacy System (P&A)** – State agency responsible for protecting the rights of individuals with developmental disabilities.

**Self-Injurious Behavior (SIB)** – Behavior harmful to oneself, such as head banging or scratching.

**Senior and Disability Services (SDS)** – State agency overseeing services for seniors and individuals with disabilities in Alaska.

**Short Term Assistance & Referral Program (STAR)** – Program assisting individuals with developmental disabilities in accessing state services.

**Social Security Administration (SSA)** – Federal agency managing Social Security and SSI benefits.

**Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)** – Insurance program for former workers with disabilities and disabled adult children of retired or deceased workers.

**Special Education Advisor Panel (SEAP)** – Alaska's council providing policy guidance on special education for students with disabilities.

**Special Education Service Agency (SESA)** – Alaska agency providing consultation services to school districts on educating students with disabilities.

**Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP)** – Specialist who assesses and treats communication and swallowing disorders.

**Statewide Independent Living Council of Alaska (SILC)** – Alaska council developing and evaluating services for people with disabilities under the Independent Living Plan.

**Stone Soup Group Incorporated (SSG)** – Alaska agency providing training, support, and resources for families caring for children with special needs.

**Supplemental Security Income (SSI)** – Social Security program providing monthly payments to low-income individuals with disabilities.

**The Association for the Severely Handicapped (TASH)** – National organization advocating for the inclusion of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA)** – Medicaid program providing services for children with disabilities.

**Ticket to Work and Workforce Investment Act (TWWIA)** – Federal program allowing people with disabilities to work while maintaining access to Medicaid.

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**Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation (TVR)** – Tribal program assisting individuals with disabilities in obtaining and maintaining employment.

**University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD)** – University-based program offering training, technical assistance, and research on services for individuals with disabilities.

**US Office of Civil Rights (OCR)** – Federal agency ensuring equal access to services and preventing discrimination.

**Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA)** – Federal program helping Social Security beneficiaries understand how work affects their benefits.

**Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)** – Federal law increasing access to workforce services for individuals with disabilities, promoting integrated employment.

**World Institute on Disability (WID)** – Provides training and technical assistance on disability advocacy and policy development.