

Acronyms: The "Alphabet Soup" of the System

Acronyms are the "alphabet soup" of MH/MR/EI. On this sheet you will find some of the common acronyms and definitions used by the Mental Retardation staff of MH/MR/EI.

ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act	FLA	Family Living Arrangement (<i>type of residential service</i>)
ADT	Adult Developmental Training	FY	Fiscal Year (<i>MH/MR/EI fiscal year runs July 1-June 30; the County's fiscal year is Jan 1-Dec. 31; the Federal Government's fiscal year is Oct. 1-Sept. 30</i>)
AHEDD	Association for Habilitation and Employment of Developmentally Disabled (<i>a provider of job placement services</i>)	GW	Goodwill Industries (<i>a vocational provider</i>)
Arc	An advocacy group for individuals with cognitive disabilities and their families (<i>formerly Association for Retarded Citizens</i>)	HB	Home-based
BHRS	Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services (<i>outpatient mental health children's services via Medical Assistance</i>)	HC	HealthChoices (<i>the management system for Medical Assistance funds for physical and behavioral health</i>)
BPOC	Budget Plan of Care (<i>budget form used by Support Coordinators to document services and costs for individuals</i>)	HCSIS	Home and Community Services Information System (<i>a web-based computer data system</i>)
BSU	Base Service Unit (<i>case management/ support coordination unit</i>)	ICC	Interagency Coordinating Council (<i>a coalition of families and child-serving agencies which provides strategies for the development, coordination and implementation of services for children in the Early Intervention system.</i>)
C&E	Consultation & Education	ICF-MR	Intermediate Care Facility for persons with mental retardation
CAO	County Assistance Office	IEP	Individualized Education Plan (<i>planning document used for children receiving supports via the Intermediate Unit</i>)
CBHNP	Community Behavioral Health Network of PA (<i>a 5-county collaborative which oversees mental health services</i>)	IFSP	Individual Family Support Plan (<i>planning document used for children in the early intervention program</i>)
CCRS	Consolidated Community Reporting System (<i>a state report</i>)	ILS	Independent Living Skills
CH	Community Home (<i>type of residential program for individuals with mental retardation</i>)	ISP	Individual Support Plan (<i>annual planning document for individuals receiving federal funded services</i>)
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services	IT	Information & Technology (<i>a department of MH/MR responsible for the computerized data collection and reporting to state offices</i>)
CRF	Community Residential Facility	IU	Intermediate Unit (<i>local provider of special education services; responsible for Early Intervention Services for children ages 3-6</i>)
CSG	Community Services Group (<i>a provider agency</i>)	JCAHO	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
CYA	Children and Youth Agency	KSS	Keystone Service Systems (<i>a residential provider</i>)
DD	Developmental Disabilities	LICC	Lancaster Interagency Coordinating Council (<i>see ICC definition above</i>)
DPW	Department of Public Welfare		
EARS	Ephrata Area Rehabilitation Services, (<i>a vocational rehab provider</i>)		
EI	Early Intervention (<i>services for children birth to age 3 with developmental delays</i>)		
FD/FSS	Family Driven/Family Support Services (<i>assistance to families of persons with mental retardation</i>)		

- ODC** Occupational Development Center (*a vocational provider*)
- OMAP** Office of Medical Assistance Programs
- OMR** Office of Mental Retardation (*at the state level*)
- OSP** Office of Special Programs (*a state office of MA funded programs for individuals who may not be eligible for MR or MH services*)
- OVR** Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
- PAC** Program Advisory Committee (*subcommittee of the MH/MR Advisory Board*)
- PAI** Partners for Achieving Independence (*A residential and day program provider*)
- PCH** Personal Care Homes
- PEC** Program Evaluation Committee
(*subcommittee of the MH/MR Advisory Board*)
- P/FDS** Person and Family Directed Support Waiver (*a type of funding*)
- PLF** Private Licensed Facility
- PP&A** Pennsylvania Protection and Advocacy (*a statewide advocacy organization*)
- PPI** Personal Plan Information
- PUNS** Priority of Urgency of Need for Services (*a form to show what services and supports are needed and how urgently*)
- Red Rose Access** Shared ride transportation provider
- RRTA** Red Rose Transit Authority (*oversees Red Rose Access and the Lancaster County public transit system.*)
- Respite** Care of an individual while parents/family take an hour, an evening, or a day away
- SLP** Supported Living Program
- SOS** Special Offender Services (*provides services to persons in the criminal justice system who have mental retardation or mental illness*)
- SSDI** Social Security Disability Income
- SSI** Supplemental Security Income
- UDS** United Disabilities Services (*formerly United Cerebral Palsy*)
- USG** United Support Group (*an organization which offers recreation and summer camps for individuals with mental retardation*)
- Voc Rehab** Vocational Rehabilitation (*job training or retraining and assistance in finding a job in the competitive market*)
- Waiver** A program to divert funds from state centers and serve persons in the community. Includes Federal and State dollars.
- Sections of the Mental Health Act pertaining to mental health commitments:**
- 201** Voluntary consent to receive care in a mental health inpatient unit
- 302** Emergency involuntary commitment to a mental health inpatient unit
- 303** Extended involuntary commitment (up to 20 days) to a mental health inpatient unit, partial hospitalization or outpatient program
- 304B** Court-ordered involuntary commitment to mental health services (inpatient, partial hospitalization or outpatient treatment) up to 90 days; for individuals already in the hospital on an involuntary commitment
- 304C** Court-ordered involuntary commitment to mental health services for individuals who are **not** currently hospitalized
- 405** Civil Court Commitment (MR)
- 406** Emergency Commitment (MR)

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