## **ACRONYM LIST**

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ACEIHL Advisory Committee on Education of Individuals with Hearing Loss

AAB Architectural Accessibility Board AAP American Academy of Pediatrics

AAR Adult Abuse Registry

AARP American Association of Retired Persons

ABA Applied Behavior Analysis

ABCD Assuring Better Child Health and Development Program

ABI Acquired Brain Injury

AC Augmentative Communication

ACA Affordable Care Act

ACCESS Project Adapting Curriculum and Classroom Environments for Student Success

ACLU American Civil Liberties Union ADA Americans with Disabilities Act ADA American Dental Association

ADAAA Americans with Disabilities Act Amendment Act

ADRC Aging and Disability Resource Center

ADD Attention Deficit Disorder

ADHD Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

ADL Activities of Daily Living
AFP Alliance for Full Participation

AGEC Access to the General Education Curriculum subcommittee

AHCD Advance Health Care Directive

AHRQ Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

AI Autistic Impaired

AI DuPont A.I. DuPont Children's Hospital

AIDS Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome AIM Accessible Instructional Materials

AL Assisted Living
ALS Adult Life Skills
AMI Area Median Income

AMSES Administrative Manual of Special Education Services

ANCDRP Abuse/Neglect Child Death Review Panel

AOJ Age of Majority

APA American Psychological Association

APE Adapted Physical Education APR Annual Performance Report

APRN Advanced Practice Registered Nurse

APS Adult Protective Services (Division of Aging)
APSE Association of People Supporting Employment First

ARC/DE For People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (formerly

Association for the Rights of Citizens with Mental Retardation)

ARRA American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
ASDC American Society for Deaf Children/DE Chapter

ASD Autism Society of Delaware ASD Autism Spectrum Disorder

ASHA American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

ASL American Sign Language

ASQ Ages and Stages

ASQ-SE Ages and Stages – Social Emotional

AT Assistive Technology

AU Autism

AUCD Association of University Centers on Disabilities

AVT Auditory-Verbal Therapy

AYP Adequate Yearly Progress (NCLB)

BD Behavior Disorder

BEH Behaviorally/Emotionally Handicapped

BH Behaviorally Handicapped

BIE Business, Industry and Education Alliance

BIP Behavior Intervention Plan

BMC Behavior Management Committee

BSNPTA Brandywine Special Needs Parent Teacher Association CAC Community Advisory Council (University of Delaware)

CAN Coordinator Children and Youth Action Network (Council for Exceptional Children)

CAP Client Assistance Program
CAP Corrective Action Plan

CAS Comprehensive Assessment System
CASA Court Appointed Special Advocate

CCCD Coordinating Council for Children with Disabilities

CCCP Community Continuum of Care Program
CCDF Child Care and Development Fund

CCMS Comprehensive Compliance Monitoring System (Education)

CCSS Common Core State Standards

CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CDNDSB Child Death, Near Death and Stillbirth Commission & Work Group

CDS Center for Disabilities Studies (University of Delaware)

CEC Council for Exceptional Children

CEIS Coordinated Early Intervening Services

CERTS Collaborative Efforts to Reinforce Transition Success

CFR Code of Federal Regulations

ChADD Children with Attention Deficit Disorder (national, county groups in DE)

CHINS Children in Need of Services

CHIP Children's Health Insurance Program

CIS Child Indicators Subgroup

CLASI Community Legal Aid Society, Inc.
CLSC Career and Life Studies Certificate (UD)

CM Case Manager

CMS Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

CNA Certified Nursing Assistant

CODHHE Council on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Equality
COPM Coordinator of Planning and Monitoring
COTA Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant

COWG Child Outcomes Work Group

CP Cerebral Palsy

CPAC Child Protection Accountability Commission
CPIR Center for Parent Information and Resources

CPRC Community Parent Resource Center

CPS Child Protective Services

CPT Current Procedural Terminology
CQSE Center for Quality Special Education

CSBS-DP Communication and Symbolic Behavior Scales – Developmental Profile

CSCRP Children's Services Cost Recovery Project

CSPD Comprehensive System for Personnel Development (Education)

CIT Crisis Intervention Training

CSHCN Children with Special Healthcare Needs

CST Child Study Team

CTE Career and Technical Education

CTQ The National Center for Improving Teacher Quality or Delaware's Collaborative

for Teacher Quality

CYAAC Center for Youth and Adults with Conditions of Childhood

CYSHCN Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs

DAAD Diploma-At-A-Distance

DAAP Delaware Alternate Assessment Program
DADB Delaware Association for Deaf/Blind

DACCVE Delaware Advisory Council on Career and Vocational Education

DAPA Delaware Alternate Portfolio Assessment

DART Delaware Authority Rapid Transit (formerly DAST)
DASAG Delaware Aspergers Support and Advocacy Group
DASY Center for IDEA Early Childhood Data Center
DATI Delaware Assistive Technology Initiative

DB Deaf/Blind

DBLN Delaware Business Leadership Network

DCAS Delaware Comprehensive Assessment System

DCAS Alt 1 Delaware Comprehensive Assessment System-Alternative

DCDAL Delaware Center for Distance Adult Learning
DCDT Division of Career Development and Transition

DCF Department of Children and Families
DCMHS Division of Child Mental Health Services
DCPS Division of Child Protective Services

DD Developmental Disability

DDC Developmental Disabilities Council

DDDS Division of Developmental Disabilities Services (formerly DMR)

DDOE Delaware Department of Education

DE Delaware

DEAP Disability Education and Awareness Program

DECC Delaware Early Childhood Center
DELI Delaware Early Learning Initiative

DELARF Delaware Association of Rehabilitation Facilities

DelDOT Delaware Department of Transportation
DEMA Delaware Emergency Management Agency
DEPTA Delaware Parent Teacher Association
DESS Delaware Education Support System

DFRC Delaware Foundation Reaching Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities

DFS Division of Family Services
DFV Delaware Family Voices
DHC Delaware Housing Coalition

DHCI Delaware Hospital for the Chronically Ill

DHHS Department of Health and Human Services, U.S.

DHIN Delaware Health Information Network

DHMIC Delaware Healthy Mother and Infant Consortium

DHSS Department of Health and Social Services

DHS Department of Homeland Security

DIAA Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association

DIDER Delaware Institute for Dental Education and Research
DIMER Delaware Institute of Medical Education and Research

DLP Disabilities Law Program

DLTCRP Division of Long Term Care Residents Protection

DMAP Delaware Medical Assistance Program

DME Durable Medical Equipment

DMMA Division of Medicaid and Medicare Assistance
DMR Division of Mental Retardation (Changed to DDDS)

DMS IV Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Retardation (4<sup>th</sup> Edition Revised)

DMV Division of Motor Vehicles

DNASW Delaware National Association of Social Workers

DNG Did Not Go (policy Paratransit language)

DNREC Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control

DOC Department of Corrections
DOE Department of Education
DOL Department of Labor

DPAP Delaware Prescription Assistance Program
DPAS Delaware Performance Appraisal System

DPBHS Division of Prevention and Behavioral Health Services

DPC Delaware Psychiatric Center

DPCI Delaware Physicians Care Insurance

DPH Division of Public Health DPH Due Process Hearing

DPI Delaware Passport to Independence

D-PIP Developmental Surveillance and Screening Policy Implementation Project

DPS Data and Programming Subgroup

DRA Deficit Reduction Act

D-RTI DOE Response to Intervention Taskforce
DREDF Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund

DSAAPD Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities (DHSS)

DSAMH Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DHSS)

DSBA Delaware School Boards Association

DSCYF Division of Services for Children, Youth and their Families

DSDS Delaware State Dental Society

DSEA Delaware State Education Association

DSHA Delaware Speech-Language-Hearing Association

DSHA Delaware State Housing Authority

DSHP Diamond State Health Plan

DSHS Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security

DSIP Delaware State Implementation Project on Preventing Secondary Conditions

and Promoting Health For People With Disabilities (formerly Healthy

Delawareans 2010)

DSM V Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders – fifth edition

DSNA Delaware School Nurses Association

DSPAC Delaware State Parent Advisory Committee

DSS Division of Social Services

DSTP Delaware Student Testing Program
DSTW Delaware State Transition Website
DTC Delaware Transit Corporation

DTI Delaware Department of Technology and Information

DUR Drug Utilization Review

DVI Division for the Visually Impaired (DHSS)
DVR Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DOL)
DWIB Delaware Workforce Investment Board
DYLI Delaware Youth Leadership Initiative
DYRS Division of Youth Rehabilitative Services

Early CHOICES Children Having Opportunities in the Continuum of Educational Services in

early intervention programs

E/BD Emotional/Behavioral Disorder
ECAP Early Childhood Assistance Program
ECCS Early Childhood Comprehensive System
ECIC Early Childhood Inclusion Committee

ECSA Early Childhood Screening Assessment (Rhode Island)

ECR Exceptional Children Resources
ECT Exceptional Children Team (DOE)

ECTA Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center

ED Educational Diagnostician ED Emotional Disturbance

EDTAC Elderly and Disabled Transit Advisory Committee
EEOC Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

EFI Employment First Initiative

EFMP Exceptional Family Member Program (Air Force)

EFOC Employment First Oversight Commission

EH Emotional Handicap

EHA Education of the Handicapped Act (P.L. 42-142)

EHLR Education of the Handicapped Law in Review (now IDEALR)

EIC Education Improvement Commission

EI Early Intervention
EI Emotionally Impaired
ELA English Language Arts
ELF Early Learning Foundation
ELL English Language Learners
ELP Essential Lifestyle Plan (DDDS)

EMD Educable Mentally Disabled (IQ 50-70), formerly EMH

EMI Educable Mentally Impaired
EMR Electronic Medical Records
EMS Emergency Medical Services

EPIC Endless Possibilities in the Community

EPPC Educational Planning and Placement Committee
EPSDT Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment

ERISA Employee Retirement Income Security Act

ESD Extended School Day

ESEA Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965

ESL English as a Second Language

ESP Educational Surrogate Parent program

ESR Employability Skills Rating ESSA Every Student Succeeds Act

ESSE Early Start to Supported Employment

ESY Extended School Year (special education program)
FACES Family Advocacy and Child Educational Services (DSD)

FACT Families and Communities Together FAPE Free Appropriate Public Education

FAQ Frequently Asked Questions FAS Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

FASD Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder FBA Functional Behavioral Assessment

FBABSP Functional Behavior Assessment Behavioral Support Plan

FCC Federal Communications Commission

FCCLA Family, Career and Community Leaders of America

FCRB Foster Care Review Board

FERPA Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

FHWA Federal Highway Administration FLA Family Leadership Academy

FLAC Family Leadership Advisory Council

FOIA Freedom of Information Act FPL Federal Poverty Level

FOHC Fully Qualified Health Care Center

FSP Family Support Plan

FTA Federal Transit Administration

FTE Full Time Equivalent

G-T Gifted and Talented (Children with Outstanding Talents now used)

GACEC Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens

GACAAPD Governor's Advisory Council on Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities

GAO Government Accountability Office
GBHC Governor Bacon Health Center

GCCBAID Governor's Commission on Community-Based Alternatives for Individuals with

Disabilities (Now GCBACS)

GCBACS Governor's Commission on Building Access to Community-Based Services

GED General Education Diploma
GBHC Governor Bacon Health Center
GIC Government Information Center

GSEG General Supervision and Enhancement Grant

HB House Bill

HBCU Historically Black College or University
HCBS Home and Community Based Services

HCC Health Care Commission

HCCA/CCHP Health Child Care America/Child Care and Health Partnership

HCR House Concurrent Resolution HEU High End User program

HHPD Hard of Hearing/Partial Deafness
HHS Health and Human Services (federal)

HI Hearing Impaired

HIPAA Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

HLADE Hearing Loss Association of Delaware HMO Health Management Organization

HO Hearing Officer

HOPWA Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS HOUSSE Highly Objective State Standards for Educators

HRC Human Rights Committee

IADL Instrumental Activities of Daily Living IAES Interim Alternative Educational Setting

IBSER Intensive Behavioral Support and Educational Residences

ICA Interagency Committee on Autism

ICAP Inventory for Client and Agency Planning ICAS Inclusive Comprehensive Assessment System

ICC Interagency Coordinating Council (Infants and Toddlers)

ICCF Interagency Council for Children and Families (state and county)
ICT Interagency Collaborative Treatment Team (Unique Alternatives)
ICF/IID Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities

ICF/MR Intermediate Care Facility for persons with Mental Retardation

ID/DD Intellectual Disabilities/Developmental Disabilities

IDA Individual Development Account

IDC IDEA Data Center

IDEA Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (successor to P.L. 94-142)

IDEALR Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Law Review IDEIA Individuals with Disabilities Education Improve Act of 2004

IED Intermittent Explosive Disorder
 IEE Independent Educational Evaluation
 IEP Individualized Education Plan
 IFSP Individualized Family Service Plan

IHCAP Independent Health Care Appeals Program

IHEInstitutes of Higher EducationIIPIndividual Improvement PlanILCIntensive Learning Center

ILI Independent Living, IncorporatedIOP Intensive Outpatient programIPE Individualized Plan for Employment

IPPSE Institute for Problem Prevention in Special Education

IPRD Identification, Placement, Review, Dismissal – process for Special Education

classification and determination of eligibility for services, conducted on a Local

School District level.

IPs SSIP Improvement Plans IQ Intelligence Quotient (test)

IRI Independent Resources, Incorporated

IRMC Interagency Resource Management Committee

IS Implementation Science
ISD Intermediate School District
ISI Inclusive Schools Initiative

ISIS Integrated Services Information System

ISP Individualized Service Plan
IST Instructional Support Team
IT Information Technology
ITP Individualized Transition Plan
IVR Interactive Voice Recognition

JCAHO Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

JFC Joint Finance Committee

K Kindergarten

KSI Kent-Sussex Industries LD Learning Disabled

LCCE Life Centered Career Education

LEA Local Educational Agency

LEP Limited English Proficiency

LIHTC Low Income Housing Tax Credits

LOD Levels of Determination

LOF Letter of Finding
LOP Local Operational Plan

LRE Least Restrictive Environment

LSLS Listening and Spoken Language Specialists

MA Medical Administrator

MA Mental Age

MAP Measures of Academic Progress assessment

MBI Medicaid Buy In

M-CHAT Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers

MCHB Maternal and Child Health Bureau
MCO Managed Care Organization
MDA Multi-Disciplinary Assessment
MDT Multi-Disciplinary Team

MEANS Making Employment a New Success for Delawareans

MFCU Medicaid Fraud Control Unit MFP Money Follows the Person

MH Mental Handicap MI Mental Illness

MiCASSA Medicaid Community-Based Attendant Services and Supports Act

MIG Medicaid Infrastructure Grant
MOA Memorandum of Agreement
MOE Maintenance of Effort (DOE)
MOU Memorandum of Understanding

MR Mental Retardation (now replaced by Cognitive Disability)

MSD Medical Society of Delaware MSW Masters in Social Work MTSS Multi-tiered System of Supports

NAECS/SDE National Association of Early Childhood Specialists in State Departments of Ed.

NAEP National Assessment of Educational Progress

NAEYC National Association for the Education of Young Children

NAMI-DE National Alliance for Mental Illness-DE Chapter
NASBE National Association of State Boards of Education

NASDSE National Association of State Directors of Special Education

NASDTEC National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification

NCSET National Center on Secondary Education and Transition NCATE National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education

NCC-PA New Castle County Pediatric Association

NCCVT New Castle County Vo-Tech

NCQA National Center for Quality Assurance NCSI National Center for Systemic Improvement

NDCCD National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities (NICHCY)

NDRN National Disability Rights Network NGA National Governor's Association NHeLP National Health Law Program

NICHCY National Information Center for Children and Youth with disabilities (now

National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities)

NIMAS National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard

NCLBA No Child Left Behind Act

NP Nurse Practitioner
NPA Nurse Practices Act
NPO Non-Profit Organization

NSTTAC National Secondary Transition Technical Assistance Center
NTICCHC National Training Institute for Child Care Health Consultants
NYMAC New York Merger, Acquisition and Collaboration Fund
OAASIS Organization of Adult Alumni and Students in Service

OCR Office of Civil Rights (federal office)
OCD Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder

OCTAE Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education

ODD Oppositional Defiance Disorder
OEM Office of Emergency Management
OH Orthopedically Handicapped

OHFLC Office of Health Facilities Licensing and Certification

OHI Other Health Impaired

OSEP Office of Special Education Programs (U.S. Dept. of Education)
OSERS Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (U.S.DOE)

OT Occupational Therapist/Therapy

P&A Protection and Advocacy PA Physician's Assistant

P&T Pharmaceutical and Therapeutic PAC Parent Advisory Committee (districts)

PABSS Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security

PAAT Protection and Advocacy for Assistive Technology

PADD Protection and Advocacy for persons with Developmental Disabilities

PAIMI Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness

PAIR Protection and Advocacy of Individual Rights (program of CLASI)

Part B P.L. 99-142, section which authorizes assistance for the education of all children

with disabilities or FAPE

Part C P.L. 99-457, section which authorizes Early Intervention Programs for Infants

and Toddlers with Disabilities (formerly Part H)

PAS Personal Assistant Services
PAS Play Assessment Scale

PASRR Preadmission Screening and Resident Review

PAT Parents as Teachers

PATBI Protection and Advocacy for Traumatic Brain Injury

PBS Positive Behavioral Supports

PC (Personnel Ctr) National Center for Special Education Personnel & Related Service Providers

PCA Personal Care Attendant

PCCD Partners Council for Children with Disabilities

PCMH Patient-Centered Medical Home

PCP Primary Care Provider
PD Professional Development

PDD-NOS Pervasive Developmental Disorder—Not Otherwise Specified

PDL Preferred Drug List PE Physical Education

PEDS Parents' Evaluation of Developmental Status

PEEC Parent Early Education Center

PEERS Program for the Education and Enrichment of Relational Skills

PHRST Payroll Human Resources Statewide Technology

PI Physically Impaired

PIC Parent Information Center of Delaware, Inc.

PL Professional Learning

PLEP (PLP) Present Level of Educational Performance (Present Level of Performance)

POA Power of Attorney POC Point of Contact

POHI Physically and Otherwise Health Impaired POMS Programs Operations Manual System (SSA)

PPEC Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care

PPPC Parentally Placed Private-School Children Pre-K Preschool aged children, 3-5 years of age

PROMISE Promoting Optimal Mental Health for Individuals through Supports and

Empowerment (DHSS)

PSC Pediatric Symptom Checklist PT Physical Therapist/Therapy PTA Parent Teacher Association

PTAC Parent Technical Assistance Centers
PTI Parent and Training Information Center

PTSD Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

PWD Person with a Disability

QRMP Qualified Mental Retardation Professional RAS Reporting and Assessment Subgroup

REAL Program/CDS Recreation Enhancement and Learning Program

RDA Results Driven Accountability

RFP Request for Proposals

RID Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (National)

RN Registered Nurse
ROI Return on Investment

RPC Regional Placement Committee (DDDS)
RRCP Regional Resource Center Program

RS Related Services

RSI Residential Services Indicator (DDDS)

RTC Residential Treatment Center RtI Response to Intervention

SAMSHA Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

SAP State Advisory Panel

SAS Supplement Aids and Services

SB Senate Bill

SBAC Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium

SCAT Senior Citizen Affordable Taxi SCC Statewide Curriculum Cadre

SCPD State Council for Persons with Disabilities SCQ Social Communication Questionnaire

SCR Senate Concurrent Resolution SDM Supported Decision Making

SE Special Education

Section 504 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Section 619 Preschool 3–5 years old SEA State Educational Agency

SEAL Special Education Administrative Leadership program

SEAP State Education Advisory Panel SED Severely Emotionally Disturbed

SEED Student Excellence Equals Degree scholarship program SEEDS Special Education Effectiveness Development System

SEM Social/Emotionally Maladjusted SES Special Education Services

SESPAC Special Education Strategic Plan Advisory Council

SGA Substantial Gainful Activity

SGIM (DE) Society of General Internal Medicine

SHCN Special Health Care Need

SHHH Self Help for Hard of Hearing People of Delaware, Inc

SIB Self-Injurious Behavior

SICC State Interagency Coordinating Council

SIG State Improvement Grant

SIMR State Identified Measurable Result

SIP State Improvement Plan for Special Education

SISEP State Implementation and Scaling-up of Evidence-based Practices Center

SLD Specific Learning Disability

SLDS Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems
SLI Speech and Language Impaired
SLP Speech Language Pathologist

SLPA Speech Language Pathologist Assistant SMH Severe Mental Handicap (IQ below 35)

SMD Significant Multiple Disabilities SMI Severely Mentally Impaired SPARC Special Education Partnership for the Amicable Resolution of Conflict

SPDG State Personnel Development Grant

SPEACS Systematic Processes for Enhancing and Assessing Communication Supports

Special Ed. Special Education (sometimes written as "Sped" or "Spec. Ed.")

SPP State Performance Plan

SRAC State Rehabilitation Advisory Council
SRAP State Rental Assistance Program
SREB Southern Regional Education Board
SSA Social Security Administration
SSDI Social Security Disability Insurance
SSI Supplemental Security Income
SSIP State Systemic Improvement Plan

SSP Student Success Plan
ST Speech Therapy/Therapist

STEPS Sequenced Transition to Education in the Public Schools

STOMP Specialized Training of Military Parents

SWD Student with a Disability SXI Severely Multiply Impaired

TA Technical Assistance

TAG The Association for Gifted, or Talented and Gifted Program

TANF Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

TASH The Association of Persons with Severe Handicaps

TBI Traumatic Brain Injury
TC Transition Coordinator

TDD Telecommunications Device for the Deaf

TEACCH Treatment and Education of Autistic and related Communication Handicapped

Children

TEAM Act Transitioning towards Excellence Achievement and Mobility Act

TEEM Transition Education Employment Model
TMH Trainable Mentally Handicapped (IQ of 35-50)

TPR Termination of Parental Rights

TPSID Transition and Post-Secondary Programs for Students with Intellectual

Disabilities

TQM Total Quality Management
TTY Teletype or Teletypewriter
TWIA Ticket to Work Incentive Act
UBD Understanding By Design
UCP United Cerebral Palsy
UD University of Delaware

UDL Universal Design for Learning

USBLN United State Business Leadership Network VCAP Victim Compensation Assistance Program

VI Visually Impaired

Vo-Tech Vocational-Technical School or Program

VE Vocational Education VR Vocational Rehabilitation

VRTF Delaware Victims' Rights Task Force WISC Weschler Intelligence Scale for Children

WRITES Writing Rigorous IEPs to Teach Educational Standards

## Youth Rehabilitative Services (DSCYF)

YRS