

Acronym and Initialism Guide

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**Community
Behavioral
Health**

A

AAS	Adult Acute Services
ABA	Applied Behavioral Analysis
ABA-ECIT	ABA Early Childhood Intensive Treatment
ABFT	Attachment-Based Family Therapy
ABLLS	Assessment of Basic Language and Learning Skills
ACA	American Correctional Association
ACBS	Adult Community-Based Services
ACS	Assistant City Solicitor
ACT	Assertive Community Treatment
ADAPT	Assessment, Discharge, and Planning Team
ADL	Activity of Daily Living
AFA	Against Facility Advice
AFLS	Assessment of Functional Living Skills
AKA	Also Known As
AIP	Acute Inpatient Psychiatric
AMA	Against Medical Advice
AOD	Alcohol and Other Drugs
APA	Alternative Payment Arrangement
APHP	Acute Partial Hospitalization Program
APS	Approved Private School
AS	Autistic Support
ASAM	American Society of Addiction Medicine
ASC	Autistic Support Classroom

ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorder
ASL	American Sign Language
ASO	Administrative Services Only
ASP	After School Program
AUD	Alcohol Use Disorder
AWOL	Absent Without Leave
B	
BCBA	Board-Certified Behavior Analyst
BCM	Blended Case Management
BHCMU	Behavioral Health Case Management Unit
BHDD	Behavioral Health Developmental Disability
BHFEC	Behavioral Health Forensics Evaluation Center
BHID	Behavioral Health/Intellectual Disabilities
BHJRS	Behavioral Health and Justice-Related Services
BHS	Behavioral Health Services
BH-MCO	Behavioral Health Managed Care Organization
BHSI	Behavioral Health Special Initiative
BHT	Behavioral Health Technician
BHUCC	Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center
BHW	Behavioral Health Worker
BOC	Bar of Court
BPI	Bureau of Program Integrity (PA)
BSL	Behavioral Specialist – Licensed

BSP	Behavior Support Plan
BSU	Base Service Unit
C	
CAA	Child Advocate Attorney
CAO	County Assistance Office
CAP	Corrective Action Plan
CAPS	Community Autism Peer Specialist
CARF	Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities
CAS	Child Acute Services
CAU	Child Advocacy Unit (Defender Association of Philadelphia)
CBCM	Community-Based Care Management
CBE	Comprehensive Biopsychosocial Evaluation
CBR	Comprehensive Biopsychosocial Re-Evaluation
CBT	Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
CEU	Chemical Evaluation Unit
CHC	Community HealthChoices (PA Medicaid)
CIRC	Community Integrated Recovery Center
CIRT	Crisis Intervention Response Team
CLA	Community Living Arrangement
CMCT	Children's Mobile Crisis Team
CMCRT	Community Mobile Crisis Response Team
CMIS	Children's Mobile Intervention Services

CMT	Care Management Transformation
COA	Council on Accreditation
COC	Continuity of Care
CON	Certificate of Need
CPS	Certified Peer Specialist
CR	Concurrent Review
CRC	Crisis Response Center
CRE	Certified Review Entity
CRNP	Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner
CRR	Community Residential Rehabilitation
CRS	Certified Recovery Specialist
CRU	Central Referral Unit
CSS	Community Support Services
CSU	Crisis Stabilization Unit
CTSS	Clinical Transition and Stabilization Services
CUA	Community Umbrella Agency
D	
D/B/A	Doing Business As
DBHIDS	Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual Disability Services (Phila)
DBT	Dialectical Behavioral Therapy
DD	Developmental Disability
DDAP	Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (PA)
DHS	Department of Human Services (PA)
DSM	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders

DSP	Direct Support Professional
E	
EAC	Extended Acute Care
EAS	Extended Assessment Service
EBP	Evidence-Based Practice
ECHO	Experience of Care and Health Outcomes
ECM	Enhanced Case Management
ECMS	Electronic Case Management System
ECT	Electroconvulsive Therapy
EHR	Electronic Health Record
EI	Early Intervention
ELC	Education Law Center
EPIC	Evidence-Based Practice and Innovation Center (CBH)
ES	Emotional Support
ESC	Emotional Support Classroom
ESFT	Eco-Systemic Structural Family Therapy
F	
FBA	Functional Behavioral Assessment
FBMHS/ FBS	Family-Based Mental Health Services
FBT	Family-Based Therapist
FFT	Functional Family Therapy
FID	Frequency, Intensity, Duration
FIR	Forensic Intensive Recovery

FKA	Formerly Known As
FNR	For Next Review
FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Center
FSP	Family Support Partner
FSIQ	Full Scale Intelligence Quotient
FWA	Fraud, Waste, and Abuse
G	
GMT	Group Mobile Therapy
H	
HEDIS	Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (NCQA)
HIO	Health Information Organization
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (US)
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization
HSX	HealthShare Exchange of Southeastern Pennsylvania
I	
IBHLTC	Integrated Behavioral Health in Long-Term Care
IBHS	Intensive Behavioral Health Services
ICD	International Classification of Diseases
ICM	Intensive Case Management
ICP	Integrated Care Program
ICPC	Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (US)
ICS	Intensive Clinical Services

ICWC	Integrated Community Wellness Center
IDD	Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
IDD/MH	Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Co-occurring Mental Health Conditions
IDS	Intellectual Disability Services
IEP	Individualized Education Plan
IM	Intramuscular
IOP	Intensive Outpatient
IQ	Intelligence Quotient
ISPT	Interagency Service Planning Team
ITP	Individual Treatment Plan
J	
JCJC	Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (PA)
JJS	Juvenile Justice System (PA)
JPO	Juvenile Probation Office/Officer
K	
KPI	Key Performance Indicator
L	
LBS	Licensed Behavioral Specialist
LC	Lead Clinician
LCSW	Licensed Clinical Social Worker
LS	Learning Support
LSC	Learning Support Classroom

LMFT	Licensed Marriage and Family Therapy/Therapist
LOC	Level of Care
LOS	Length of Stay
LPC	Licensed Professional Counselor
LPN	Licensed Practical Nurse
LSW	Licensed Social Worker
LTSR	Long-Term Structured Residence
M	
MA	Medical Assistance
MAT	Medication-Assisted Treatment
MCO	Managed Care Organization
MFCU	Medicaid Fraud Control Unit
MHOP	Mental Health Outpatient
MMHT	Mobile Mental Health Treatment
MMT	Methadone Maintenance Treatment
MNC	Medical Necessity Criteria
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MOUD	Medications for Opioid Use Disorder
MPRS	Mobile Psychiatric Rehabilitation Service
MSE	Mental Status Exam
MST	Multi-Systemic Therapy (Traditional)
MST-PSB	Multi-Systemic Therapy for Problem Sexual Behaviors
MST-RSB	Multi-Systemic Therapy for Risky Sexual Behavior
MT	Mobile Therapy/Mobile Therapist

M/W/DSBE Minority, Woman, or Disabled-Owned Business Enterprise

N

NADD National Association for the Dually Diagnosed

NAS Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome

NCD Next Court Date

NCQA National Committee for Quality Assurance

NCTSI National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative (SAMHSA)

NOREP Notice of Recommended Educational Placement

NPAU Network Personnel Analysis Unit

O

OAG Office of Attorney General (PA)

OAS Office of Addiction Services (DBHIDS)

OIG Office of Inspector General (U.S.)

OMHSAS Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (PA)

OON Out-of-Network

OOS Out of State

OP Outpatient

OPC Order of Protective Custody

ORP Ordering, Rendering, Prescribing

ODU Opioid Use Disorder

P

PACE Prioritizing to Address our Changing Environment (DBHIDS)

PACT Parents And Children Together

PACTS Philadelphia Alliance for Child Trauma Services

PBIS Positive Behavior Intervention Supports

PCBH Personal Care Boarding Home

PCE Parenting Capacity Evaluation

PCIT Parent-Child Interaction Therapy

PE Prolonged Exposure

PECS Picture Exchange Communication System

PEPS Program Evaluation Performance Summary

PES Psychiatric Emergency Services

PFI Preschool Family Intervention

PFV Philadelphia Family Voices

PHA Philadelphia Housing Authority

PH-BH Physical Health-Behavioral Health Efforts

PHI Protected Health Information

PH-MCO Physical Health Managed Care Organization

PIP Performance Improvement Plan

PJJCSC Philadelphia Juvenile Justice Services Center

PO Probation Officer

PRN Pro Re Nata ("as needed")

PRTF Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility

PSH Permanent Supportive Housing

PSR Program Standards and Requirements

PSS Peer Support Services

PTE Permission to Evaluate

PWID Persons Who Inject Drugs

PWUD People Who Use Drugs

PYAP Philadelphia Youth Advocate Programs

P4P Pay-for-Performance

Q

QI Quality Improvement

QIC Quality Improvement Committee

QILC Quality Improvement Learning Collaborative

QIP Quality Improvement Plan

R

RAC Remain as Committed

RAP Remain as Placed

RCA Root Cause Analysis

RFP Request for Proposals

RFA Request for Applications

RFQ Request for Qualifications

RFI Request for Information

RN Registered Nurse

RTF Residential Treatment Facility

RTFA Residential Treatment Facility Adult

S

SAIP Subacute Inpatient Psychiatric

SAMHSA Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (US)

SAP Student Assistance Program

SBIRT Screening Brief Intervention Referral to Treatment

SBP School-Based Partnership

SCCA The Support Center for Child Advocates

SCO Supports Coordination Organization

SDP School District of Philadelphia

SIR Significant Incident Report

SIU Special Investigation Unit

SME Subject Matter Expert

SOGI Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

SPMI Serious and Persistent Mental Illness

STAP Summer Therapeutic Activities Program

STC Student Transition Center

STEP Support Team for Education Partnership

SUD Substance Use Disorder

T

TA Technical Assistance

TBI Traumatic Brain Injury

TCA Tricyclic Antidepressant

TCM Targeted Case Management

TDD Telecommunications Device for the Deaf

TESC Therapeutic Emotional Support Classroom

TFC Treatment Foster Care

TF-CBT Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy

TIP Transitions, Integration, and Partnerships

TMS Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation

TN Therapeutic Nursery

TPL Third Party Liability

TRWI Tobacco Recovery and Wellness Initiative

TUD Tobacco Use Disorder

U

UCC Urgent Care Center

UM Utilization Management

UR Utilization Review

V

VBP Value-Based Payment

VB-MAPP Verbal Behavior Milestones Assessment and Placement Program

W

WM Withdrawal Management

X

Y

YSP Youth Support Partner

YVRP Youth Violence Reduction Program

Z