

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	
BA	Behavior Analytic
BC	Behavior Consultation
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
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
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
ILOS	In Lieu of Services
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

OUD	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
PJJSC	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

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WM	Withdrawal Management
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YSP	Youth Support Partner
YVRP	Youth Violence Reduction Program

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