

# Acronym and Initialism Guide

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**Community  
Behavioral  
Health**

**A**

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

<b>BPI</b>	Bureau of Program Integrity (PA)
<b>BSL</b>	Behavioral Specialist – Licensed
<b>BSP</b>	Behavior Support Plan
<b>BSU</b>	Base Service Unit
<b>C</b>	
<b>CAA</b>	Child Advocate Attorney
<b>CAO</b>	County Assistance Office
<b>CAP</b>	Corrective Action Plan
<b>CAPS</b>	Community Autism Peer Specialist
<b>CARF</b>	Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities
<b>CAS</b>	Child Acute Services
<b>CASA</b>	Court Advocate Specially Assigned
<b>CASW</b>	Child Advocate Social Worker
<b>CAU</b>	Child Advocacy Unit (Defender Association of Philadelphia)
<b>CBCM</b>	Community-Based Care Management
<b>CBE</b>	Comprehensive Biopsychosocial Evaluation
<b>CBR</b>	Comprehensive Biopsychosocial Re-Evaluation
<b>CBT</b>	Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
<b>CEO</b>	Chief Executive Officer
<b>CEU</b>	Chemical Evaluation Unit
<b>CHC</b>	Community HealthChoices (PA Medicaid)
<b>CIRC</b>	Community Integrated Recovery Center
<b>CIRT</b>	Crisis Intervention Response Team

<b>CLA</b>	Community Living Arrangement
<b>CMCT</b>	Children's Mobile Crisis Team
<b>CMCRT</b>	Community Mobile Crisis Response Team
<b>CMIS</b>	Children's Mobile Intervention Services
<b>CMT</b>	Care Management Transformation
<b>COA</b>	Council on Accreditation
<b>COC</b>	Continuity of Care
<b>CON</b>	Certificate of Need
<b>CPS</b>	Certified Peer Specialist
<b>CR</b>	Concurrent Review
<b>CRC</b>	Crisis Response Center
<b>CRE</b>	Certified Review Entity
<b>CRNP</b>	Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner
<b>CRR</b>	Community Residential Rehabilitation
<b>CRS</b>	Certified Recovery Specialist
<b>CRU</b>	Central Referral Unit
<b>CSS</b>	Community Support Services
<b>CSU</b>	Crisis Stabilization Unit
<b>CTSS</b>	Clinical Transition and Stabilization Services
<b>CUA</b>	Community Umbrella Agency
<b>D</b>	
<b>D/B/A</b>	Doing Business As
<b>DBHIDS</b>	Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual Disability Services (Phila)
<b>DBT</b>	Dialectical Behavioral Therapy

<b>DD</b>	Developmental Disability
<b>DDAP</b>	Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (PA)
<b>DHS</b>	Department of Human Services (PA)
<b>DSM</b>	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders
<b>DSP</b>	Direct Support Professional
<b>E</b>	
<b>EAC</b>	Extended Acute Care
<b>EAS</b>	Extended Assessment Service
<b>EBP</b>	Evidence-Based Practice
<b>ECHO</b>	Experience of Care and Health Outcomes
<b>ECM</b>	Enhanced Case Management
<b>ECMS</b>	Electronic Case Management System
<b>ECT</b>	Electroconvulsive Therapy
<b>EHR</b>	Electronic Health Record
<b>EI</b>	Early Intervention
<b>ELC</b>	Education Law Center
<b>EPIC</b>	Evidence-Based Practice and Innovation Center (CBH)
<b>ES</b>	Emotional Support
<b>ESC</b>	Emotional Support Classroom
<b>ESFT</b>	Eco-Systemic Structural Family Therapy
<b>F</b>	
<b>FBA</b>	Functional Behavioral Assessment
<b>FBMHS/ FBS</b>	Family-Based Mental Health Services

<b>FBT</b>	Family-Based Therapist
<b>FFT</b>	Functional Family Therapy
<b>FID</b>	Frequency, Intensity, Duration
<b>FIR</b>	Forensic Intensive Recovery
<b>FKA</b>	Formerly Known As
<b>FNR</b>	For Next Review
<b>FQHC</b>	Federally Qualified Health Center
<b>FSP</b>	Family Support Partner
<b>FSIQ</b>	Full Scale Intelligence Quotient
<b>FWA</b>	Fraud, Waste, and Abuse
<b>G</b>	
<b>GAL</b>	Guardian Ad Litem
<b>GMT</b>	Group Mobile Therapy
<b>H</b>	
<b>HEDIS</b>	Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (NCQA)
<b>HIO</b>	Health Information Organization
<b>HIPAA</b>	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (US)
<b>HMO</b>	Health Maintenance Organization
<b>HRSN</b>	Health-Related Social Needs ( <i>FKA Social Determinants of Health</i> )
<b>HSX</b>	HealthShare Exchange of Southeastern Pennsylvania
<b>I</b>	
<b>IBHLTC</b>	Integrated Behavioral Health in Long-Term Care
<b>IBHS</b>	Intensive Behavioral Health Services

<b>ICD</b>	International Classification of Diseases
<b>ICM</b>	Intensive Case Management
<b>ICP</b>	Integrated Care Program
<b>ICPC</b>	Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (US)
<b>ICS</b>	Intensive Clinical Services
<b>ICWC</b>	Integrated Community Wellness Center
<b>IDD</b>	Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
<b>IDD/MH</b>	Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Co-occurring Mental Health Conditions
<b>IDS</b>	Intellectual Disability Services
<b>IEP</b>	Individualized Education Plan
<b>ILOS</b>	In Lieu of Services
<b>IM</b>	Intramuscular
<b>IOP</b>	Intensive Outpatient
<b>IQ</b>	Intelligence Quotient
<b>ISPT</b>	Interagency Service Planning Team
<b>ITP</b>	Individual Treatment Plan
<b>J</b>	
<b>JCJC</b>	Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (PA)
<b>JJS</b>	Juvenile Justice System (PA)
<b>JPO</b>	Juvenile Probation Office/Officer
<b>K</b>	
<b>KPI</b>	Key Performance Indicator

<b>L</b>	
<b>LBS</b>	Licensed Behavioral Specialist
<b>LC</b>	Lead Clinician
<b>LCSW</b>	Licensed Clinical Social Worker
<b>LS</b>	Learning Support
<b>LSC</b>	Learning Support Classroom
<b>LMFT</b>	Licensed Marriage and Family Therapy/Therapist
<b>LOC</b>	Level of Care
<b>LOS</b>	Length of Stay
<b>LPC</b>	Licensed Professional Counselor
<b>LPN</b>	Licensed Practical Nurse
<b>LSW</b>	Licensed Social Worker
<b>LTSR</b>	Long-Term Structured Residence
<b>M</b>	
<b>MA</b>	Medical Assistance
<b>MAT</b>	Medication-Assisted Treatment
<b>MCO</b>	Managed Care Organization
<b>MFCU</b>	Medicaid Fraud Control Unit
<b>MHOP</b>	Mental Health Outpatient
<b>MMHT</b>	Mobile Mental Health Treatment
<b>MMT</b>	Methadone Maintenance Treatment
<b>MNC</b>	Medical Necessity Criteria
<b>MOU</b>	Memorandum of Understanding
<b>MOUD</b>	Medications for Opioid Use Disorder

<b>MPRS</b>	Mobile Psychiatric Rehabilitation Service
<b>MSE</b>	Mental Status Exam
<b>MST</b>	Multi-Systemic Therapy (Traditional)
<b>MST-PSB</b>	Multi-Systemic Therapy for Problem Sexual Behaviors
<b>MST-RSB</b>	Multi-Systemic Therapy for Risky Sexual Behavior
<b>MT</b>	Mobile Therapy/Mobile Therapist
<b>M/W/DSBE</b>	Minority, Woman, or Disabled-Owned Business Enterprise
<b>N</b>	
<b>NADD</b>	National Association for the Dually Diagnosed
<b>NAS</b>	Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome
<b>NCD</b>	Next Court Date
<b>NCQA</b>	National Committee for Quality Assurance
<b>NCTSI</b>	National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative (SAMHSA)
<b>NOREP</b>	Notice of Recommended Educational Placement
<b>NPAU</b>	Network Personnel Analysis Unit
<b>O</b>	
<b>OAG</b>	Office of Attorney General (PA)
<b>OAS</b>	Office of Addiction Services (DBHIDS)
<b>OIG</b>	Office of Inspector General (U.S.)
<b>OMHSAS</b>	Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (PA)
<b>OON</b>	Out-of-Network
<b>OOS</b>	Out of State

<b>OP</b>	Outpatient
<b>OPC</b>	Order of Protective Custody
<b>ORP</b>	Ordering, Rendering, Prescribing
<b>OUD</b>	Opioid Use Disorder
<b>P</b>	
<b>PACE</b>	Prioritizing to Address our Changing Environment (DBHIDS)
<b>PACT</b>	Parents And Children Together
<b>PACTS</b>	Philadelphia Alliance for Child Trauma Services
<b>PBIS</b>	Positive Behavior Intervention Supports
<b>PCBH</b>	Personal Care Boarding Home
<b>PCE</b>	Parenting Capacity Evaluation
<b>PCIT</b>	Parent-Child Interaction Therapy
<b>PE</b>	Prolonged Exposure
<b>PECS</b>	Picture Exchange Communication System
<b>PEPS</b>	Program Evaluation Performance Summary
<b>PES</b>	Psychiatric Emergency Services
<b>PFI</b>	Preschool Family Intervention
<b>PFV</b>	Philadelphia Family Voices
<b>PHA</b>	Philadelphia Housing Authority
<b>PH-BH</b>	Physical Health-Behavioral Health Efforts
<b>PHI</b>	Protected Health Information
<b>PH-MCO</b>	Physical Health Managed Care Organization
<b>PIP</b>	Performance Improvement Plan

<b>PJJSC</b>	Philadelphia Juvenile Justice Services Center
<b>PO</b>	Probation Officer
<b>PRN</b>	Pro Re Nata (“as needed”)
<b>PRTF</b>	Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility
<b>PSH</b>	Permanent Supportive Housing
<b>PSR</b>	Program Standards and Requirements
<b>PSS</b>	Peer Support Services
<b>PTE</b>	Permission to Evaluate
<b>PWID</b>	Persons Who Inject Drugs
<b>PWUD</b>	People Who Use Drugs
<b>PYAP</b>	Philadelphia Youth Advocate Programs
<b>P4P</b>	Pay-for-Performance
<b>Q</b>	
<b>QI</b>	Quality Improvement
<b>QIC</b>	Quality Improvement Committee
<b>QILC</b>	Quality Improvement Learning Collaborative
<b>QIP</b>	Quality Improvement Plan
<b>R</b>	
<b>RAC</b>	Remain as Committed
<b>RAP</b>	Remain as Placed
<b>RCA</b>	Root Cause Analysis
<b>RFP</b>	Request for Proposals
<b>RFA</b>	Request for Applications

<b>RFQ</b>	Request for Qualifications
<b>RFI</b>	Request for Information
<b>RN</b>	Registered Nurse
<b>RTF</b>	Residential Treatment Facility
<b>RTFA</b>	Residential Treatment Facility Adult

**S**

<b>SAIP</b>	Subacute Inpatient Psychiatric
<b>SAMHSA</b>	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (US)
<b>SAP</b>	Student Assistance Program
<b>SBIRT</b>	Screening Brief Intervention Referral to Treatment
<b>SBP</b>	School-Based Partnership
<b>SCCA</b>	The Support Center for Child Advocates
<b>SCO</b>	Supports Coordination Organization
<b>SDP</b>	School District of Philadelphia
<b>SIR</b>	Significant Incident Report
<b>SIU</b>	Special Investigation Unit
<b>SME</b>	Subject Matter Expert
<b>SOGI</b>	Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity
<b>SPMI</b>	Serious and Persistent Mental Illness
<b>STAP</b>	Summer Therapeutic Activities Program
<b>STC</b>	Student Transition Center
<b>STEP</b>	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