Common Abbreviations in Autism Services and Special Education

AAC: Augmentative/Alternative Communication

AAW: Adult Autism Waiver

ABA: Applied Behavior Analysis

ACAP: Adult Community Autism Program

ADA: Americans with Disabilities Act

ADOS: Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule

ASA: Autism Society of America

ASD: Autism Spectrum Disorder

ASL: American Sign Language

BCBA: Board Certified Behavior Analyst

BCaBA: Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst

BSC: Behavioral Specialist Consultant

BSE: Bureau of Special Education

BT: Behavioral Technician

CAP: Client Assistance Program

CASSP: Child & Adolescent Service System Program

CBWA: Community-Based Work Assessment

DD: Developmental Disabilities

DHS: Department of Human Services

DSM-5: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 5th Edition

EI: Early Intervention

ER: Evaluation Report

ESY: Extended School Year

FAPE: Free Appropriate Public Education

FBA: Functional Behavioral Assessment

FBS: Family-Based Services

IBHS: Intensive Behavioral Health Services

ID: Intellectual Disability

IDEA: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

IEP: Individualized Education Program

IFSP: Individualized Family Service Plan

ISP: Individual Support Plan

IU: Intermediate Unit

LEA: Local Educational Agency

LCSW: Licensed Clinical Social Worker

LRE: Least Restrictive Environment

LSW: Licensed Social Worker

MA: Medical Assistance

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MT: Mobile Therapist

NOREP: Notice of Recommended Educational Placement

ODP: Office of Developmental Programs

ODR: Office for Dispute Resolution

OLTL: Office of Long Term Living

OMHSAS: Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

OSEP: Office of Special Education Programs

OSERS: Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

OT: Occupational Therapy

OVR: Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

PaTTAN: Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network

PANDAS: Pediatric Autoimmune Neurological Disorder Associated with Strep

PBIS: Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports

PBSP: Positive Behavior Support Plan

PCA: Personal Care Assistant

PDD-NOS: Pervasive Developmental Disorder Not Otherwise Specified

PDE: Pennsylvania Department of Education

PECS: Picture Exchange Communication System

P/FDS: Person/Family Directed Supports Waiver

PUNS: Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services

RBT: Registered Behavior Technician

SC: Supports Coordinator

SDI: Specially Designed Instruction

SLP: Speech/Language Pathologist

SMI: Significant Mental Illness

SSDI: Social Security Disability Insurance

SSI: Supplemental Security Income

STAP: Summer Therapeutic Activities Program

TEACCH: Treatment and Education of Autistic and Related Communication Handicapped Children

TSS: Therapeutic Staff Support

VB: Verbal Behavior

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