

A A GUIDE TO ACRONYMS IN B.C.

This list of acronyms was developed by a partnership between Autism Kamloops, the Provincial Outreach Program for Autism and Related Disorders, ACT – Autism Community Training & the Kootenay Boundary Autism Society. This collaborative effort is aimed at lessening the confusion for parents who have to deal with so many initials when securing services or treatment for their child with special needs.

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A

- AAC:** Alternative Augmentative Communication
- ABA:** Applied Behavior Analysis
- ABC chart:** Antecedent, Behavior, Consequence chart/Autism Behavior Checklist (screening test)
- ACL:** Association for Community Living
- ACT:** Autism Community Training
- ADD:** Attention Deficit Disorder
- ADHD:** Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
- ADOS:** Autism Diagnostic Observation Scale (diagnostic and evaluation tool)
- ADI-R:** Autism Diagnostic Interview - Revised
- ADL:** Activities of Daily Living
- AFU:** Autism Funding Unit
- AGRE:** Autism Genetic Resource Exchange
- AHP:** At Home Program
- AIT:** Auditory Integration Therapy
- ALT-R (DRI):** Direct Reinforcement of Incompatible Behaviors
- AOSI:** Autism Observation Scale for Infants
- APD:** Auditory Processing Disorder
- ARI:** Autism Research Institute
- AS:** Asperger's Syndrome/Autistic Spectrum
- ASA:** Autism Society of America
- ASBC:** Autism Society of British Columbia
- ASD:** Autism Spectrum Disorder
- ASE:** Adult Special Education

Aspie: A Person with Asperger's Syndrome

AVB: Applied Verbal Behavior/Analysis of Verbal Behavior

B

BCAAN: BC Autism Assessment Network

BCACL: British Columbia Association for Community Living

BCASLPA: B.C. Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists

BCCPAC: BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils

BCPSEA: BC Public School Employers' Association

BCTF: BC Teachers' Federation

BD: Behavioral Disorder

BI: Behavioral Interventionist

BMP: Behavior Management Plan

BPI: Behavioral Plan of Intervention

BSP: Behavior Support Plan

C

C&W: Children's & Women's Hospital

CA: Classroom Assistant

CACL: Canadian Association for Community Living

CAM: Complementary and Alternative Medicine

CAN: Cure Autism Now

CAPD: Central Auditory Processing Disorder

CAPP: Career & Personal Planning

CARS: Childhood Autism Rating Scale (diagnostic and evaluation tool)

CBI: Communication, Behavior, Instruction

CBT: Cognitive Behavioral Therapy

CCRR: Child Care Resource and Referral

CCW: Child Care Worker

CD: Conduct Disorder

CDA: Clinical Diagnostic Assessment

CDC: Children's Development Centre/Centre for Disease Control and Prevention

CF: Casein Free

CHADD: Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders

CHAT: Checklist for Autism in Toddlers

CIC: Child In Care

CLBC: Community Living British Columbia
CLS: Community Living Services
CNS: Central Nervous System
CP: Cerebral Palsy
CPI: Non Violent Crisis Intervention Program (Crisis Prevention Institute)
CRA: Canada Revenue Agency
CST: Craniosacral Therapy
CTFRC: Children's Therapy & Family Resource Centre
CUPE: Canadian Union of Public Employees

D

DAN: Defeat Autism Now
DD: Development Disorder/Developmentally Delayed
DH: Developmentally Handicapped
DIR: Developmental, Individual-Difference, Relationship-Based
DMG: Dimethylglycine
DRL: Differential Reinforcement of Lower Rates of Behavior
DRO: Differential Reinforcement of Other Behaviors
DRT: District Resource Teacher
DS: Down Syndrome/District Supervisor
DSM: Diagnostic Statistical Manual
DSM-IV: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual fourth edition
DSMR: Diagnostic Statistical Manual (Revised)
DTF: Discrete Trial Format
DTT: Discrete Trial Training
DX: Diagnosis

E

EA: Educational Assistant
EAI: Extended Autism Intervention
ECE: Early Childhood Education
EEG: Electroencephalogram
EI: Early Intervention
EIBI: Early Intensive Behavioral Intervention
EQ: Emotional Quotient
ESL: English as a Second Language

F

FA: Functional Analysis
FAE: Fetal Alcohol Effects
FAS: Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
FASD: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder
FAW: Financial Assistance Workers
FBA: Functional Behavior Assessment
FC: Facilitated Communication
FEAT: Families for Early Autism Treatment
FHAN: Fraser Health Autism Network
FOIPOP: Freedom of Information/Protection of Privacy
FSA: Foundation Skills Assessment
FSI: Family Support Institute
FSP: Family Support Plan
FTE: Full Time Equivalent
FVAS: Fraser Valley Autism Society

G

GAD: Generalized (or global) Anxiety Disorder
GF: Gluten Free
GFCF: Gluten Free/Casein Free

H

HFA: High Functioning Autism
HSCL: Health Services for Community Living

I

IBI: Intense Behavior Intervention
ICD (10): International Classification of Mental Disorders Tenth Edition
IDP: Infant Development Program
IEII: Interim Early Intensive Intervention
IEP: Individual Education Plan
IF: Individualized Funding
IHCAN: Interior Health Children's Assessment Network
IP: In Progress
IPG: Integrated Play Group
IQ: Intelligence Quotient
IRP: Integrated Resource Package

K

K: Kindergarten

KBAS: Kootenay Boundary Autism Society

KSCL: Kootenay Society for Community Living

L

LA: Learning Assistance

LD: Learning Disability

LFA: Low Functioning Autism

LRC: Learning Resource Centre

M

MAPS: McGill Action Planning System

MCFD: Ministry of Children and Family Development

MDT: Multidisciplinary Team

MEIA: Ministry of Employment & Income Assistance

MHR: Ministry of Human Resources

MMR: Mumps, Measles, Rubella (Vaccination)

MOE: Ministry of Education

MOH: Ministry of Health

MRI: Magnetic Resonance Imaging

MSP: Medical Service Plan

N

NDA: No Diagnosis of Anything

NLD: Non-verbal Learning Disability

NLP: Natural Language Paradigm

NOS: Not Otherwise Specified

NT: Neurotypical/Neurologically Typical

NVLD: Non-verbal Learning Disability

O

O&M: Orientation and Mobility

OASIS: Online Asperger Syndrome Information & Support

OCD: Obsessive Compulsive Disorder

ODD: Oppositional Defiant Disorder

OPM: Over Protective Mom

OT: Occupational Therapist/Occupational Therapy

P

PAC: Parent Advisory Council

Para Pro: Para Professional (CA/EA/TA/SEA)

PARC: Provincial Autism Resource Centre

PATH: Planning Alternative Tomorrow with Hope

PBS: Positive Behavior Support

PCS: Picture Communication Symbols

PDD: Pervasive Developmental Disorder

PDD-NOS: Pervasive Developmental Disorder – Not otherwise specified

PECS: Picture Exchange Communication System

PEN: Personal Education Number

PHSA: Provincial Health Services Agency

PISP: Provincial Integration Support Program

PLAN: Planned Lifetime Advocacy Network

POCA: Parents of Children with Autism

POPARD: Provincial Outreach Program for Autism and Related Disorders

POPFASD: Provincial Outreach Program for Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder

Pro D: Professional Development

PRT: Pivotal Response Training

PSP: Personal Service Plan

Psycho-ed: Psycho-educational Assessment

PT: Physical Therapist/Physical Therapy

PTSD: Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

PWD: Person with a Disability

R

R, C, F, F: From Verbal Behavior: Reception, Classification, Feature, Function

RASP: Registry of Autism Service Providers

RDA: Relationship Development Assessment

RDI: Relationship Development Intervention

S

SBT: School Based Team

SCDP: Supported Child Development Program

SCERTS: Social Communication, Emotional Regulation and Transactional Support

SD: Stimulus Demand/School District/Standard Deviation

SEA: Special Education Assistant

SERT: Special Education Resource Teacher
SET BC: Special Education Technology British Columbia
SI: Sensory Integration
SIB: Self Injurious Behavior
SID: Sensory Integrative (or Integration) Dysfunction
SLP: Speech Language Pathologist
SLD: Severe Learning Disability
SMART IEP: Specific, Measurable, use Action Words, Realistic & Relevant, Time Limited
SPC: School Planning Council
SPD: Semantic-Pragmatic Disorder
SR: Stimulus Response
SS: Social Stories
SSRI: Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors
SSW: School Support Worker
SW: Social Worker

T

TA: Teacher Assistant
TEACCH: Treatment and Education of Autistic and related Communication handicapped Children
TOC: Teacher on Call
TS: Tourette's Syndrome
TSC: Tuberous Sclerosis

V

VB: Verbal Behavior
VICAN: Vancouver Island Children's Assessment Services
VOCA: Voice Output Communication Aids
VRS: Vocational Rehabilitation Services
VSCA: Victoria Society for Children With Autism

W

WISC R: Wechsler Intelligence Scale Revised
WPPSI-R: Wechsler Preschool and Primary Scale of Intelligence-Revised

Y

YCW: Youth Care Worker

