



Lancaster County Office of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services
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The “Alphabet Soup” of the IDD System

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Acronyms are the “alphabet soup” of BH/DS.

Here you will find some of the common acronyms used by the developmental services staff.

ADLs Activities of Daily Living

ADS Adult Developmental Services

AE Administrative Entity

The Arc of Lancaster County An advocacy group for individuals with cognitive disabilities and their families.

BH Behavioral Health

BHRS Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services (*outpatient mental health children’s services via Medical Assistance*)

CASSP Child and Adolescent Services System Program (*coordinates services for children who are served by more than one public-funded agency: Children & Youth, Drug & Alcohol, BH/DS, Juvenile Probation, and Education*)

CAO County Assistance Office

CLA Community Living Arrangement (*type of residential program for adults with an Intellectual disability*)

CMS Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

CYA Children and Youth Agency

DD Developmental Disability

DD Dually Diagnosed (*having diagnoses of both an intellectual disability and mental illness*)

DHS Department of Human Services

DRP Disabilities Rights Pennsylvania (*a state wide advocacy organization*)

EI Early Intervention (*services for children birth to age 3 with developmental delays*)

EPSDT Early and Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (*medical assistance support services for persons under the age of 21*)

FLA Family Living Arrangement (*type of residential service; also called Life sharing*)

FY Fiscal Year (*BH/DS fiscal year is July 1-June 30; the County’s fiscal year is Jan 1-Dec.31; the Federal Government’s fiscal year is Oct. 1-Sept. 30*)

Health Choices The management system for Medical Assistance funds for physical and behavioral health

HCBS Home and Community Based Services

HCQU Health Care Quality Unit

HCSIS Home and Community Services Information System (*a web-based computer data system*)

HIPAA Healthcare Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (*State and Federal laws require that individually identifiable health information must be safeguarded against improper use and disclosure; confidentiality policy*)

ICF-ID Intermediate Care Facility for persons with an intellectual disability

ID Intellectual Disability

IDD Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities

IEP Individualized Education Plan (*planning document used for children receiving special education services*)

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- ILS** Independent Living Skills
- IM** Incident Management
- IM4Q** Independent Monitoring for Quality
- ISO** Intermediary Service Organization
- ISP** Individual Support Plan (*annual planning document for individuals receiving federal funded services*)
- IU** Intermediate Unit (*local provider of special education services; responsible for Early Intervention Services for children ages 3-6*)
- LICC** Local Interagency Coordinating Council
- MA** Medical Assistance
- MH** Mental Health
- ODP** Office of Developmental Programs (*State entity responsible for oversight of programs for individuals with developmental disabilities*)
- OMAP** Office of Medical Assistance Programs
- OVR** Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
- PCH** Personal Care Home
- PerformCare** A 5-county collaborative which oversees mental health services
- P/FDS** Person and Family Directed Support Waiver (*a type of funding*)
- PLF** Private Licensed Facility
- PUNS** Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services (*a form to show what services and supports are needed and how urgently*)
- Respite** Care for an individual while caregivers are away for several hours or days
- RTF** Residential Treatment Facility
- SC** Supports Coordinator
- SOS** Special Offender Services (*provides services to persons in the criminal justice system who have an intellectual disability or mental illness*)
- SSA** Social Security Administration
- SSDI** Social Security Disability Income
- SSI** Supplemental Security Income
- TSM** Targeted Services Management (*a program that allows MA to be billed for support coordination services*)
- Voc Rehab** Vocational Rehabilitation (*job training or retraining and assistance in finding a job in the competitive market*)
- Waiver** A program to divert funds from state centers and serve persons in a community setting. Includes Federal and State dollars.
- Sections of the Mental Health Act pertaining to mental health commitments:**
- 201** Voluntary consent to receive care in a mental health inpatient unit
- 302** Emergency involuntary commitment to a mental health inpatient unit
- 303** Extended involuntary commitment (up to 20 days) to a mental health inpatient unit, partial hospitalization or outpatient program
- 304B** Court-ordered involuntary commitment to mental health services (inpatient, partial hospitalization or outpatient treatment) up to 90 days; for individuals already in the hospital on an involuntary commitment
- 405** Civil Court Commitment (ID)
- 406** Emergency Commitment (ID)