



General Common Acronyms

AAPI/API	Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ALS	Assistive Listening System
ASL	American Sign Language
AT	Assistive Technology
BTE	Behind the Ear (hearing aid)
BAHA	Bone Anchored Hearing Aid
BIPOC	Black, Indigenous, and People of Color
CTS	Captioned Telephone Service
CA	Communications Assistant
CF	Communication Facilitator
CART	Communication Assistance Real-time Translation
CAN	Computer Aided Note-taking & Communication Access Network
CC	Closed Captioned
CDI	Certified Deaf Interpreter
CEU	Continuing Education Unit
CI	Certified Interpreter
CI	Cochlear Implant
CODA	Child of Deaf Adult
CS	Contact Sign
CTS	Captioned Telephone Service
D	Deaf
DB	Deaf-Blind
dB	decibel
DEI	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
DHH	Deaf/Hard of Hearing
EI	Early Intervention
ELL	English Language Learners
ENT	Ear, Nose and Throat (doctor)
ESL	English as a Second Language
FRC	Family Resource Coordinator
GSD	Gender & Sexual Diversity
HA	Hearing Aid
HAC	Hearing Aid Compatible
HATIS	Hearing Aid Telephone Interconnect System
HCO	Hearing Carry Over
HH	Hard of Hearing
HVCS	High Visual Communication Skills



ITC	In the Canal (hearing aid)
ITE	In the Ear (hearing aid)
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEP	Individualized Education Plan
IFSP	Individual Family Service Plan
IL	Independent Living
IL	Induction Loop (aka audio loop)
ITP	Interpreter Training Program
LEP	Limited English Proficiency
LGBTQIA	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and/or Questioning, Intersex, Asexual and/or Ally
MLS	Minimal Language Skills
OC	Open Captioned
POC	People/People of Color
PSE	Pidgin Signed English
PT	ProTactile
QA	Quality Assurance (state interpreter certification)
RCD	Rehabilitation Counselor for the Deaf
RSC	Regional Service Center
SCD	Statewide Coordinator of the Deaf
SSDI	Social Security Disability Insurance
SEE	Signing Exact English
SLP	Speech Language Pathologist
SLT	Speech Language Therapist
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
TC	Total Communication
TOD	Teacher of the Deaf
TA	Technical Assistance
TRS	Telecommunication Relay Service
TDD	Telecommunication Device for the Deaf
TTY	Teletype Telephone
2LVCO	Two Line Voice Carry Over
V	Voice
VCO	Voice Carry Over
VP	Video Phone
VI	Video Interpreter
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation
VRI	Video Remote Interpreting
VRS	Video Relay Service



ODHH Common Acronyms

ACT	Assistive Communication Technology
ALTSA	Aging and Long-Term Support Administration
CM	Case Management
CO	Community Outreach
DHHIS	Deaf and Hard of Hearing Information System
FMS	Family Mentor Services
FSM	Full Staff Meeting
HHCR	Hard of Hearing Consultation and Resources
MA	Management Analyst
QA	Quality Assurance
QDI	Qualified Deaf Interpreter
SHS	Social and Human Services
SLICR	Sign Language Interpreter Contracts and Resources
TED (P)	Telecommunication Equipment Distribution (Program)
T & P	Training and Presentation
TRS	Telecommunication Relay Services
WA Relay	Washington Relay Service
WATRS	Washington Telecommunication Relay Services

Aging and Long-Term Support Administration (ALTSA) Acronyms

AAA	Area Agencies on Aging
ADRC	Aging and Disability Resource Centers
AFH	Adult Family Home
ALF	Assisted Living Facility
APS	Adult Protective Services
ARC	Adult Residential Care Facility
CDE	Consumer Directed Employer
CFCO	Community First Choice Option
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
CPS	Child Protective Services
CRU	Complaint Resolution Unit
DDA	Developmental Disabilities Administration
DOH	Department of Health
DSHS	Department of Social and Health Services
DVR	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
ESH	Eastern State Hospital



HCA	Health Care Authority
HCS	Home Community Services
HCBS	Home and Community-Based Services
HQ	Headquarters
IP	Individual Provider (Home Care Worker)
IR	Incident Report
LTC	Long-term Care
LTCOP	Long-Term Care Ombuds Program
LTSS	Long-Term Services and Supports
MH	Mental Health
MI	Mental Illness
MSD	Management Services Division
NA	Nursing Assistant
NF	Nursing Facility (or Skilled Nursing Facility)
NH	Nursing Home
OFM	Office of Financial Management
PACE	Program of AllInclusive Care for the Elderly
PDC	Public Disclosure Coordinator
QA	Quality Assurance
RCS	Residential Care Services Division
RCW	Revised Code of Washington
RPAU	Rules & Policies Assistance Unit
SCOA	State Council on Aging
SFM	State Fire Marshal
SL	Supported Living
SME	Subject Matter Expert
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
SSA	Social Security Administration
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
TSOA	Tailored Supports for Older Adults
VDHS	Veteran Directed Home Services
WAC	Washington Administrative Code
WPAS	Washington Protection and Advocacy System
WSH	Western State Hospital
WSP	Washington State Patrol



State Agencies Common Acronyms

AL TSA	Aging and Long-Term Support Administration
BHA	Behavioral Health Administration
CFD	Combined Fund Drive
CSO	Community Service Office
DCYF	Department of Children, Youth and Families
DDA	Developmental Disabilities Administration
DES	Department of Enterprise Services
DOH	Department of Health
DOL	Department of Licensing
DSHS	Department of Social and Health Services
DVR	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
ESA	Economic Services Administration
HCA	Health Care Authority
OFM	Office of Financial Management
TVW	TVW Public Affairs Network
WSP	Washington State Patrol

Washington State Organization Acronyms

ADWAS	Abused Deaf Women Advocacy Services
AOC	Administrative Office of the Courts
DWOW	Deaf Women of Oregon and Washington
CDHL	Center for Childhood Deafness and Hearing Loss
DBSC	Deaf-Blind Service Center
DBTAC Northwest	Disability Business Technical Assistance Center Northwest
DOH	Department of Health
DSHS	Department of Social and Health Services
DVR	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
EHDDI	Early Hearing Loss Detection, Diagnosis & Intervention
ESIT	Early Support for Infants and Toddlers
GCDE	Governor Committee on Disabilities Issues and Employment
GSCD	Greater Seattle Club of the Deaf
HLA-WA	Hearing Loss Association of Washington
HSDC	Hearing, Speech & Deafness Center



NWDB	Northwest Deaf Bikers
NW HKNC	Northwest Helen Keller National Center
NWRAD	Northwest Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf
NWWCD	Northwest Washington Community of the Deaf
ODHH	Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
OSPI	Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction
PSAD	Puget Sound Association of the Deaf
SCCC	Seattle Central Community College
SILC	State Independent Living Council
TAD	Tacoma Association of the Deaf
TRAD	Three Rivers of Tri-Cities Deaf Club
TCAD	Thurston County Association of the Deaf
VAD	Vancouver Association of the Deaf
WADHH	Washington Advocacy of Deaf and Hard of Hearing
WA ASLTA	Washington American Sign Language Teacher Association
WATAP	Washington Assistive Technology Act Program
WSAD	Washington State Association of the Deaf
WSD	Washington School for the Deaf
WSDAA	Washington School for the Deaf Alumni Association
WSDBC	Washington State Deaf-Blind Citizens
WSDS	Washington Sensory Disabilities Services
WSRID	Washington State Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf
WTAP	Washington Telephone Assistance Program
WVS	Washington Vocational Services
WASCLA	Washington State Coalition for Language Access
WROCC	Western Region Outreach Center & Consortium (OR)
YVAD	Yakima Valley Association of the Deaf

National Organization Acronyms

AAAD	American Athletic Association of the Deaf
AADB	American Association of Deaf-Blind
ADARA	American Deafness and Rehabilitation Association
AGB	Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf
ALDA	Association of Late Deafened Adults
ASDC	American Society for Deaf Children
ASLHA	American Speech, Language and Hearing Association
ASLTA	American Sign Language Teachers Association
CAID	Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf
CEASD	Conference of Educational Administrations for Schools of the



	Deaf
CIT	Conference of Interpreter Trainers
CODA	Children of Deaf Adults
COSD	Council of Organizations Serving the Deaf
CSUN	California State University Northridge
DOJ	Department of Justice
EEOC	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
FCC	Federal Communication Commission
GU	Gallaudet University
GUAA	Gallaudet University Alumni Association
H & V	Hands and Voices
HKNC	Helen Keller National Center
HLA	Hearing Loss Association of America
MAALD	Manufacturers Association of Assistive Listening Devices
NAD	National Association of the Deaf
NAOBI	National Alliance of Black Interpreters
NASADHH	National Association of State Agencies of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
NASRA	National Association of State Relay Administrators
NBDA	National Black Deaf Advocates
NCI	National Captioning Institute
NCLD	National Center for Law and the Deaf
NCOD	National Center on Deafness
NECA	National Exchange Carrier Association
NITC	National Interpreter Trainer Consortium
NTD	National Theater of the Deaf
NTID	National Technical Institute for the Deaf
OSERS	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services
PEC	Postsecondary Education Consortium
PEPNet	Postsecondary Education Programs Network
RID	Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf
RSA	Rehabilitation Services Administration
TEDPA	Telecommunication Equipment Distribution Program Administrators
WFD	World Federation of the Deaf
WGD	World Games of the Deaf
WRAD	World Recreation Association of the Deaf