39  Chapter 39 of Florida Statutes, generally called child protection statute

504  Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Federal law that prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities by recipients of federal money, generally state and local governments, schools and colleges. 504 Plans for students with disabilities are different than IEPs.

AAL  Attorney ad Litem

ADA  Americans with Disabilities Act. Federal law that prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities - no federal money required

ADD  Attention Deficit Disorder

ADHD  Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder. This is a medical diagnosis and not a listed disability under IDEA.

ADJ  Adjudicated

ADM  Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health (approves some aspects of funding)

AES  Adoption Exchange (website with photographs/bios of children)

ALJ  Administrative Law Judge. ALJs work for Florida's Division of Administrative Hearings, and are not local judges. They preside over special education due process hearings and some Road to Independence appeals.

ANT  Abuse, Neglect and Threatened Harm

APD  Agency for Persons with Disabilities. A Florida state agency created in 2004 whose responsibilities were previously with DCF's Developmental Services. Serves people with developmental disabilities.

BEESS  Bureau of Exceptional Education Student Services. The division of Florida's Department of Education with responsibility for educating students with disabilities.

BIP  Behavioral Intervention Plan.

CBC  Community Based Care (there are 20 community based care agencies in Florida, with many other providers)

CPI  Child Protective Investigator

DCF  Department of Children and Families. The state agency with responsibility for, among other things, foster care and mental health.

DD  Developmental Disability.

DISPO  Disposition or hearing to decide placement after adjudication of dependency

DOB  Date of Birth

DOH  Department of Health. The state agency with responsibility for, among other things, Children's Medical Services which administers the Early Steps Program.

DS  Developmental Services also referred to as DD or developmental disabilities services
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<td>Florida Abuse Hotline Information System</td>
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<td>Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System. Provides diagnostic and instructional support services to district exceptional student education programs and families of students with exceptionalities statewide.</td>
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<td>GM</td>
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<td>A column or letter placed opposite editorial page in newspaper</td>
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<td>TPR</td>
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