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## Alphabet Soup

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

ED	U.S. Department of Education. (Note that federal terminology for DOE refers to Dept. of Energy)
EH	Emotionally Handicapped.
EIS	Early Intervention Services.
EMH	Educable Mentally Handicapped. Florida's definition for mild mental retardation.
ESE	Exceptional Student Education. Florida's term for special education. Includes services under the IDEA. Florida also includes Gifted in ESE, which is not a federal category.
ESOL	English as a Second Language.
ESY	Extended School Year.
EVAL	Evaluation
FAHIS	Florida Abuse Hotline Information System
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education.
FBA	Functional Behavioral Assessment.
FC	Foster Care
FCAT	Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test.
FDLE	Florida Department of Law Enforcement
FDLRS	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.
FDOE	Florida Department of Education.
FSC	Family Services Counselor (caseworker)
FSS	Family Support Services
GAL	Guardian ad Litem
GM	General Master (conducts judicial reviews at 6 months intervals)
HB	House Bill in Florida House of Representatives
HH	Hospital/Homebound.
HI	Hearing Impaired. A listed disability under the IDEA.
IAES	Interim Alternative Educational Services.
ICPC	Interstate Compact for Placement of Children (when child is placed outside state of Florida)
IDEA	Individuals With Disabilities Education Act.
IEE	Independent Educational Evaluation.
IEP	Individualized Education Program.
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan. These are essentially IEPs for infants and toddlers.

IEP	Individual Education Plan
IL	Independent Living
JR	Judicial Review
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment.
MAPP	Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting (required classes to become a foster parent)
MBI	Manifest Best Interest (hearing prior to termination of parental rights)
MR	Mental retardation. Listed disability under IDEA. Florida terms this as EMH, TMH and PMH.
NCLB	No Child Left Behind. Federal law that applies to all schools and all children, not just children with disabilities.
OCR	Office of Civil Rights. Office within U.S. Department of Education which oversees compliance with Section 504.
ODD	Oppositional Defiant Disorder. This is a mental health diagnosis and not a listed disability under IDEA.
OHI	Other Health Impaired. A listed disability under the IDEA.
OP ED	A column or letter placed opposite editorial page in newspaper
OSEP	Office of Special Education and Programs. Office within U.S. Department of Education which oversees compliance with IDEA.
OSERS	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services. Office within U.S. Department of Education which oversees OCR and OSEP.
OT	Occupational Therapy.
PI	Physically Impaired. Florida's definition for Orthopedic Impairment, a listed disability under the IDEA.
PLOP	Present Levels of Performance.
PMH	Profoundly Mentally Handicapped. Florida's definition for severe mental retardation
PSYCH	Psychological
PT	Physical Therapy.
RTI	Road to Independence program for older youth
RTC	Residential Treatment Center
SB	Senate Bill in Florida Senate
SED	Serious Emotional Disturbance. A listed disability under the IDEA.
SIPP	Statewide Intensive Psychiatric Program
SLD	Specific Learning Disability. A listed disability under the IDEA.
SLI	Speech Language Impairment. A listed disability under the IDEA.

SSI	Supplemental Security Income
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury. A listed disability under the IDEA.
TMH	Trainable Mentally Handicapped. Florida's definition for moderate mental retardation.
TPR	Termination of Parental Rights
VI	Visually impaired. A listed disability under the IDEA.