

From [www.nectac.org/chouse/dictionaries.asp](http://www.nectac.org/chouse/dictionaries.asp):

**Dictionary of Developmental Disabilities Terminology**

2nd Edition (2003) Paul H. Brookes Publishing Co.

[www.brookespublishing.com/dictionary/](http://www.brookespublishing.com/dictionary/)

This searchable dictionary provides definitions of thousands of disorders, assessment tools, theories, medications, interventions, diagnoses, professional organizations, and more.

**The Words We Use: A Glossary of Terms for Early Childhood Education Standards and Assessment**

(Retrieved Nov. 2008) Council of Chief State School Officers

[www.ccsso.org/projects/SCASS/projects/early\\_childhood\\_education\\_assessment\\_consortium/publications\\_and\\_products/2840.cfm](http://www.ccsso.org/projects/SCASS/projects/early_childhood_education_assessment_consortium/publications_and_products/2840.cfm)

This lexicon was developed as a tool to help stakeholders "begin on the same page" when discussing issues related to early childhood education standards and assessment.

**Glossary of Policy & Advocacy Terms: A Guide to the ABCs and Acronyms of the Infant-Toddler Policy Process**

(2008) ZERO TO THREE

[www.zerotothree.org/site/DocServer/Glossary\\_of\\_Terms\\_11\\_08.pdf?docID=6721](http://www.zerotothree.org/site/DocServer/Glossary_of_Terms_11_08.pdf?docID=6721)

This glossary defines terms and acronyms commonly used in the infant-toddler public policy and advocacy arena.

**Finding Help for Young Children with Disabilities (Birth-5): Parent's Guide 2**

(Updated March 2005) NICHCY

[www.nichcy.org/InformationResources/Documents/NICHCY%20PUBS/pa2.pdf](http://www.nichcy.org/InformationResources/Documents/NICHCY%20PUBS/pa2.pdf)

This guide contains definitions of terms commonly used in early intervention and early childhood special education. The definitions are not necessarily endorsed by the U.S. Dept. of Education.

**Glossary of Terms Related to English Language Learners**

(2005) Head Start Bulletin #78: English Language Learners

[eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/Dual%20Language%20Learners/DLL\\_%20Resources/GlossaryofTerms.htm](http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/Dual%20Language%20Learners/DLL_%20Resources/GlossaryofTerms.htm)

This glossary contains terms related to the education of young linguistically and culturally diverse children. It is from the [AskNCELA glossary](#), by the National Clearinghouse for English Language Acquisition & Language Instruction Educational Programs

**Navajo Glossary of Early Childhood Special Education**

(Retrieved Nov. 2008) Univ. of NM, Center for Development and Disability

[cdd.unm.edu/cspd/navajo\\_glossary/](http://cdd.unm.edu/cspd/navajo_glossary/)

This glossary provides definitions of terms frequently used in early childhood special education. It includes the Navajo translations for each term, as well as audio access to spoken pronunciations.

**Thesaurus of ERIC Descriptors**

(Retrieved Nov. 2008) Education Resources Information Center

[www.eric.ed.gov/ERICWebPortal/resources/html/thesaurus/about\\_the\\_aurus.html](http://www.eric.ed.gov/ERICWebPortal/resources/html/thesaurus/about_the_aurus.html)

This thesaurus is the master list of more than 10,000 terms or subject headings used in indexing and searching the ERIC Database.

**Online Dictionary of Special Education Terms**

(2008) The IRIS Center

[http://iris.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/resource\\_TOOL\\_dict/onlinedictionary\\_table.php?letter=ALL](http://iris.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/resource_TOOL_dict/onlinedictionary_table.php?letter=ALL)

This dictionary contains terms related to the field of special education and includes a helpful cross-referencing feature.

**Defining Child Abuse and Neglect**

(2007) Child Welfare Information Gateway

[www.childwelfare.gov/can/defining/](http://www.childwelfare.gov/can/defining/)

This Web page provides definitions of child abuse and neglect from Federal and State laws, and resources that distinguish between discipline and abuse.

**Glossary of Child Welfare Terms**

(2008) Child Welfare Information Gateway

[www.childwelfare.gov/admin/glossary/index.cfm](http://www.childwelfare.gov/admin/glossary/index.cfm)

This glossary defines common terms and acronyms related child welfare.

**MCH Thesaurus**

(Retrieved Nov. 2008) Maternal and Child Health Library

[www.mchthesaurus.info/](http://www.mchthesaurus.info/)

This thesaurus provides the MCH community with a standard vocabulary. It includes an alphabetical list of terms, a rotated list of terms, a set of subject categories, and a search function.

*Also recommended, but not available online:*

**DEC Recommended Practices: A Comprehensive Guide for Practical Application in Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education**

(2005) Sopris West

[http://www.dec-sped.org/Store/Recommended\\_Practices](http://www.dec-sped.org/Store/Recommended_Practices)

This book provides guidance on effective practices for young children with disabilities, their families, and the personnel who serve them. It describes recommended practices for: (1) assessment; (2) child-focused practices; (3) family-based practices; (4) interdisciplinary models; (5) technology applications; (6) policies, procedures, and systems change; and (7) personnel preparation. Each chapter contains a glossary of terms used and there is a combined glossary at the end of the book.

**The Early Intervention Dictionary: A Multidisciplinary Guide to Terminology**

(2006) Woodbine House

[woodbinehouse.com/main.asp\\_Q\\_product\\_id\\_E\\_1-890627-63-1](http://woodbinehouse.com/main.asp_Q_product_id_E_1-890627-63-1)

This dictionary defines medical, therapeutic, and educational terms commonly used in the early intervention field. It is designed to help parents and professionals in the early intervention field understand one another and collaborate successfully.

**Special Education Dictionary - Revised Edition**

(2007) LRP Publications

[www.shoplrp.com/product/p-300068.06.html](http://www.shoplrp.com/product/p-300068.06.html)

This dictionary contains terms used in the special education field. The Revised Edition provides new entries related to specific disabilities along with more than 60 No Child Left Behind Act terms.

## NECTAC's Abbreviated Acronym List

To see a longer list of acronyms compiled by NECTAC go to  
[www.nectac.org/chouse/acronyms.asp](http://www.nectac.org/chouse/acronyms.asp)

Acronym	Full Name or Description
AAP	American Academy of Pediatrics
ABA	Applied Behavior Analysis
ACF	Administration for Children and Families (HHS)
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
AOTA	American Occupational Therapy Association
APR	Annual Performance Report
APTA	American Physical Therapy Association
Arc	The Arc (formerly the Association for Retarded Citizens)
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (PL 111-5)
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorders
ASHA	American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
AT	Assistive technology
BIE	Bureau of Indian Education (U.S.)
CADRE	Consortium for Appropriate Dispute Resolution in Special Education
CAPTA	Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act
CDA	Child Development Associate
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (HHS)
CEC	Council for Exceptional Children
CELL	Center for Early Literacy Learning
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (HHS) (formerly HCFA, Health Care Financing Administration)
COP	Community of Practice
COPSSE	Center on Personnel Studies in Special Education
CPRC	Community Parent Resource Centers
CRTIEC	Center for Response to Intervention in Early Childhood
CSEFEL	Center on the Social and Emotional Foundation for Early Learning
CSHCN	Children with Special Health Care Needs
CSPD	Comprehensive System of Personnel Development
DAC	Data Accountability Center
DAP	Developmentally appropriate practice
DD	Developmental delay, also Developmental disability
DEC	Division of Early Childhood (of the Council for Exceptional Children)
EC	Early childhood
ECO	Early Childhood Outcomes Center
ECSE	Early childhood special education
EDGAR	Education Department General Administrative Regulations
EHDI	Early Hearing Detection and Intervention
EHS	Early Head Start
EI	Early intervention
ELCF	Early Learning Challenge Fund (Title IV of HR 3221, the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2009)
EPSDT	Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (Medicaid program)
ERIC	Educational Resources Information Center
ESEA	Elementary and Secondary Education Act

<b>FAPE</b>	Free Appropriate Public Education
<b>FAS</b>	Freely Associated States of the Pacific, also Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
<b>FERPA</b>	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
<b>GPRA</b>	Government Performance and Results Act
<b>GSEG</b>	General Supervision Education Grant (OSEP)
<b>HHS</b>	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
<b>HIPAA</b>	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
<b>ICC</b>	Interagency Coordinating Council
<b>IDEA</b>	Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act
<b>IEP</b>	Individualized Education Program
<b>IES</b>	Institute of Education Sciences
<b>IFSP</b>	Individualized Family Service Plan
<b>IHE</b>	Institution of Higher Education
<b>IHS</b>	Indian Health Service (HHS)
<b>ITCA</b>	Infants and Toddlers Coordinators Association
<b>LEA</b>	Local Education Agency
<b>LICC</b>	Local Interagency Coordinating Council
<b>LRE</b>	Least restrictive environment
<b>MCH</b>	Maternal and Child Health
<b>MOU</b>	Memorandum of Understanding
<b>MPRRC</b>	Mountain Plains Regional Resource Center
<b>MSIP</b>	Monitoring and State Improvement Planning Division of OSEP
<b>MSRRC</b>	Mid-South Regional Resource Center
<b>NACCRRRA</b>	National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies
<b>NAECS/SDE</b>	National Association of Early Childhood Specialists in State Departments of Education
<b>NAEYC</b>	National Association for the Education of Young Children
<b>NASBE</b>	National Association of State Boards of Education
<b>NASDSE</b>	National Association of State Directors of Special Education
<b>NCCIC</b>	National Childcare Information Center
<b>NCLB</b>	No Child Left Behind
<b>NCRECE</b>	National Center for Research in Early Childhood Education
<b>NCRRC</b>	North Central Regional Resource Center
<b>NECTAC</b>	National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center
<b>NECTC</b>	National Early Childhood Transition Center
<b>NEILS</b>	National Early Childhood Intervention Longitudinal Study
<b>NERRC</b>	Northeast Regional Resource Center
<b>NICHCY</b>	National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities
<b>NICU</b>	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
<b>NIH</b>	National Institute of Health (HHS)
<b>NPDCI</b>	National Professional Development Center on Inclusion
<b>NPDC on ASD</b>	National Professional Development Center on Autism Spectrum Disorders
<b>NPRM</b>	Notice of Proposed Rule Making
<b>OERI</b>	Office of Educational Research and Improvement (ED)
<b>OMB</b>	U.S. Office of Management and Budget
<b>OSEP</b>	Office of Special Education Programs (in OSERS)
<b>OSERS</b>	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (ED)
<b>OT</b>	Occupational therapy
<b>PACER</b>	Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights
<b>PART</b>	Program Assessment Rating Tool
<b>PBS</b>	Positive Behavior Support
<b>PEELS</b>	Pre-Elementary Education Longitudinal Study
<b>PT</b>	Physical therapy
<b>PTI</b>	Parent Training and Information Centers

