



Sometimes it can seem like the world we live in is full of many terms that has its own alphabet. Here are some A-Z alphabet terms that we defined as a means to using common language from our early childhood/parent centered Honeycomb work with most commonly used acronyms. We hope this helps you as we move forward collectively in educating statewide parent audiences!

Acronym	Definition
AAC	All About Children
ABA	Applied Behavior Analysis
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADC	Attention Devoted to Children
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
AAP	American Academy of Pediatrics
ALD	Assistive Learning Device
AOK	All Our Kin home child care provider experts
ASQ	Ages and Stages Questionnaire
ARC	American Red Cross
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorders
BB	Best Beginnings
BI/BI	Bilingual-Bicultural
BIR	Behavior Incident Report
CACFP	Child & Adult Care Food Program
CDA	Child Development Associate
C4K	Care for Kids



Acronym	Definition
CAHS	Connecticut Association for Human Services
CPR	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
CCAC	Connecticut Charts-A-Course
CAEYC	Connecticut Association for the Education of Young Children
COC	CT Commission on Children
ConnPAT	Connecticut Parents As Teachers
CT-N	Connecticut Network
CTPP	CT Parent Power parent led organization
CT Voices	CT Voices for Children policy and data experts
CTCADV	Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence
CLASS	Classroom Learning Assessment Scale
CM	Community Messengers
DA	Developmentally Appropriate
DC	Discovery Communities
DCF	Department of Children & Families
DEEP	Department Environmental Protection
DFCYR	Department of Family, Children, Youth & Recreation
DHHS	Department of Health & Human Services



Acronym	Definition
DIBELS	Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills
DLL	Dual Language Learners
DP	Dramatic Play
DPH	Department of Public Health
DSS	Department of Social Services
EC	Early Childhood
ECA	Early Childhood Alliance
ECC	Early Childhood Coalition
ECCS	Early Childhood Comprehensive System
ECE	Early Childhood Education
ECI	Early Childhood Intervention
ECLKC	Early Childhood Learning & Knowledge Center
EHS	Early Head Start
EHC	End Hunger Connecticut
ELL	English Language Learners
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
ERF	Early Reading First
ESEA	Elementary & Secondary Education Act
ES	Even Start



Acronym	Definition
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education
FAS	Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
FAQ	Frequently Asked Questions
FC	Family Centered
FBA	Functional Behavioral Assessment
FCCERS-R	Family Child Care Environmental Rating Scale-R
FERPA	Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act
FFN	Family Friend Neighbor Care
FDA	Food and Drug Administration approves all vaccines
FI	Fatherhood Initiative
FOI	Freedom of Information
FSS	Family Support Specialist
GATE	Gifted and Talented Education
GMF	Graustein Memorial Fund
GRPA	Government Performance & Results Act
GSEG	General Supervision Education Act
HART	Hartford Allies Rally Together
HB	House Bill
HHS	Health & Human Services of US Department



Acronym	Definition
HI	Hearing Impaired
HS	Head Start
HSSCO	Head Start State Collaboration Office
II	Individualized Instruction
ITERS-R	Infant/Toddler Environmental Rating Scale-Revised
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act
ITERS-R	Infant/Toddler Environmental Rating Scale-Revised
LAP	Learning Accomplishment Profile
LEA	Local Education Agency
LICC	Local Interagency Coordinating Council
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
MCE	Manual Codes of English
MCH	Maternal & Child Health
MHC	Mental Health Centers
MR	Mental Retardation
MD	Muscular Dystrophy
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding



Acronym	Definition
MIECHV	Maternal, Infant & Early Childhood Home Visiting
NAEYC	National Association for the Education of Young Children
NC	Neglect Careline
NLIC	National Lead Information Center
OEC	Office of Early Childhood
OPM	Office of Policy & Management
OT	Occupational Therapy
PARENTII	Parent Inquiry Initiative
PreK	Pre-school for ages 2 through 5 years
PC	Poison Control
PIRC	Parent Information Resource Center
PTO	Parent Teacher Organization
RBA	Results Based Accountability
RESC	Regional Educational Service Centers
RSVP	Reserved Seating/Visitation Protocol
SB	Senate Bill
SR	School Readiness
SDE	State Department of Education
SERC	State Education Resource Center



Acronym	Definition
SIDS	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome/Unexplained Infant Death
SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
SUID	Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths
TB	Tuberculosis
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
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VPP	Victim Public Privacy
WIC	Women, Infants and Children food and nutrition program
WTW	Welfare to Work Program

