



ACRONYMS YOU SHOULD KNOW

ABA	Applied Behavior Analysis
ABE	Application for Benefits Eligibility (abe.illinois.gov)
ABLE	Achieving a Better Life Experience Act (A tax-advantaged savings program for eligible persons with disabilities)
ACES\$	Avenues to Consumer Employer Services and Supports (The Fiscal/Employer Agent for PSWs providing pre-employment testing, new hire paperwork, and payroll/tax functions)
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADL	Activities of Daily Living
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorders
BALC	Bureau of Accreditation, Licensure and Certification
CANTS	Child Abuse & Neglect Tracking System
CAU	Community Alternative Unlimited (The ISC and PAS agency for the north side of Chicago, the north and northwest Chicago suburbs, and Lake County)
CDS	Community Day Services
CE	Customized Employment
CIE	Competitive Integrated Employment
CILA	Community Integrated Living Arrangement (aka Group Home)
CLF	Community Living Facility
CMS	Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services
CRW	Children's Residential Waiver (for ages 3-21)

CSA	Community Service Agreement
CSW	Children’s Support Waiver (Home-Based Services for ages 3-21)
DAC	Disabled Adult Child
DCFS	Department of Children & Family Services
DD	Developmental Disability
DDD	Division of Developmental Disabilities (a division of DHS)
DHS	Department of Human Services
DMH	Division of Mental Health (a division of DHS)
DOL	Department of Labor
DPH	Department of Public Health
DRS	Division of Rehabilitation Services (A division of DHS. Provides vocational services and facilitates the Home Services program)
DSP	Direct Service/Support Person (for those with CILA funding)
DT	Developmental Training (now CDS)
EHRIS	Emergency Home Response Service
EI	Early Intervention (Birth to 3 Years)
FICA	Federal Insurance Contribution Act
FSN	Family Support Network
HBS	Home-Based Support Services (a waiver service through DHS/DDD)
HCBS	Home & Community Based Services (nine separate waiver programs including several for persons with developmental disabilities: Adult Waiver, Children/Young Adult Support Waiver, and Children/Young Adult Residential Waiver)
HFS	Department of Healthcare & Family Services (Medicaid agency overseeing the three HCBS waivers)
HSP	Home Services Program (through DRS)
HUD	Housing & Urban Development
ICAP	Inventory for Client and Agency Planning
ICDD	Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities

ICF/IID	Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IDPH	Illinois Department of Public Health
IEP	Individual Education Plan
ISBE	Illinois State Board of Education
ISC	Independent Service Coordination Agency (CAU is the ISC for the north side of Chicago, the north and northwest Chicago suburbs, and Lake County)
ISP	Individual Service Plan (created in partnership with your ISC/ISSA)
ISSA	Individual Service & Support Advocacy (a service provided by an ISC)
LCSW	Licensed Clinical Social Worker
OIG	Office of the Inspector General
OT	Occupational Therapy/Therapist
PA	Personal Assistant (for those in the Home Services Program)
PAS	Pre-Admission Screening (a service provided by an ISC)
PDD	Pervasive Developmental Disorders
POS	Purchase of Service (fee for service)
PSW	Personal Support Worker (for those with the Home-Based waiver)
PUNS	Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services (the waiting list to obtain services in Illinois)
QIDP	Qualified Intellectual Disabilities Professionals (often called a "Q")
SDA	Self-Direction Assistance (optional service available to those in the Adult or Children's Home-Based Waiver)
SEAT	Supported Employment Action Team
SELN	Supported Employment Leadership Network
SEP	Supported Employment Program
SLA	Supported Living Arrangement
SLP	Speech & Language Professional

SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (aka Food Stamps)
SNT	Special Needs Trust
SODC	State-Operated Developmental Center
SRN	Statewide Referral Network (for housing)
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSDI	Social Security Disability Insurance (money received based on your own work record or as a DAC on the work record of a parent who collects Social Security)
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
SST	Service Support Team
STEP	Secondary Transitional Experience Program (a DRS program for students in high school or transition)