Integrated Services Platform

The Alphabet Soup of Special Education

Below are some of the many acronyms and abbreviations found in the area of Special Education:

“504” Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
ADA Americans with Disabilities Act
AD/HD Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
AEA Area Education Agency
AIM National Center on Accessible Instructional Materials
ASD Autism Spectrum Disorder
AT Assistive Technology
BI Brain Injury
BIP Behavior Intervention Plan
DD Developmental Disabilities
DE Department of Education
DHS Department of Human Services
ECSE Early Childhood Special Education
ESL English as a Second Language
ESY(S) Extended School Year Services
FAPE Free, Appropriate, Public Education
FBA Functional Behavior Assessment
HCBS Home and Community Based Services
HI Hearing Impaired
ID Intellectual Disabilities
IDEA Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IDEA - Part C Programs for infants and toddlers with special needs
IEP Individualized Education Program
IFSP Individualized Family Service Plan
IESE Individual Entitled to Special Education
IPAT Iowa Program for Assistive Technology
IVRS Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services
LEA Local Education Agency (local school district)
LRE Least Restrictive Environment
MH Mental Health
NIMAS National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard
NCLB No Child Left Behind
O&M Orientation and Mobility
OT Occupational Therapy
Para Paraeducator – also known as aide or associate

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PDD     Pervasive Development Disorder
PBIS    Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports
PEC     Parent & Educator Connection
Psych.  Psychology or Psychologist
PT      Physical Therapy
PTI     Parent Training and Information Center
RTI     Response to Intervention
SLP     Speech & Language Pathologist
Spec. Ed. Special Education
SSI     Supplemental Security Income
SW      Social Work
TAT     Teacher Assistance Team
VI      Visually Impaired

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