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| AAT-ECE | Associates of Arts in Teaching-Early Childhood Education |
| ADD | Attention Deficit Disorder |
| ADHD | Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder |
| AEYC | Association for the Education of Young Children |
| AOK | All Our Kids Network |
| AOTA | American Occupational Therapy Association |
| APTA | American Physical Therapy Association |
| APR | Annual Performance Report |
| ASD | Autism Spectrum Disorders |
| ASHA | American Speech-Language- Hearing Association |
| ASL | American Sign Language |
| ASQ-3 | Ages and Stages Questionnaire, 3rd Edition |
| ASQ:SE | Ages and Stages Questionnaire – Social Emotional |
| ASQ:SE-2 | Ages and Stages Questionnaire – Social Emotional, 2nd edition |
| AT | Assistive Technology |
| BD | Behavior Disorder |
| BDI or BDI-2 | Battelle Developmental Inventory or Battelle Developmental Inventory, 2nd edition |
| CAC | Child Abuse Council |
| CANRA | Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act |
| CCAP | Child Care Assistance Program |
| CCDBG | Child Care & Development Block Grant |
| CCIT | Creative Curriculum for Infants, Toddlers & Twos |
| CCNC | Child Care Nurse Consultant |
| CCPC | Child Care Professional Credential |
| CCP | Child Care Provider |
| CCR&R | Child Care Resource & Referral |
| CCTS | Child Care Tracking System |
| CD | Child Development |
| CDA | Child Development Associate |
| CDC | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention |
| CEC | Council for Exceptional Children |
| CEU | Continuing Education Unit |
| CFC | Child and Family Connections |
| CP | Cerebral Palsy |
| CPDU | Continuing Professional Development  Units |
| DAP | Developmentally Appropriate Practice |
| DCFS | Department of Children and Family Services |
| DD | Developmental Delay |
| DEC | Division of Early Childhood of the Council of Exceptional Children |
| DHS | Department of Human Services |
| DMH | Division of Mental Health |
| DSCC | Division of Specialized Care for Children |
| DT | Developmental Therapist or Developmental Therapy |
| DT-H | Developmental Therapist – Hearing |
| DT-V | Developmental Therapist - Vision |
| Dx | Diagnosis |
| EC | Early Childhood |
| ECE | Early Childhood Education or Early Care and Education |
| ECERS | Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale |
| ECTA Center | Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center |
| EI | Early Intervention |
| EIC | Early Intervention Clearinghouse |
| EITP | Early Intervention Training Program |
| EL | English Learner |
| ELL | English Language Learner |
| ELS | Early Learning Standards |
| ERIC | Educational Resources Information Center |
| ERS | Environment Rating System |
| ESL | English as a Second Language |
| FCC | Family Child Care |
| FCCP | Family Child Care Providers |
| FCCERS | Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale |
| FERPA | Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act |
| FOIA | Freedom of Information Act |
| FY | Fiscal Year |
| HCCI | Healthy Child Care Illinois |
| HELP | Hawaii Early Learning Profile (global assessment) |
| HIPAA | Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act of 1996 |
| HS/EHS | Head Start/Early Head Start |
| Hx | History |
| IAEYC | Illinois Association for the Education of Young Children |
| ICC | Interagency Coordinating Council |
| IDC | Illinois Director Credential |
| IDEA | Individuals with Disabilities Education Act |
| IDHS | Illinois Department of Human Services |
| IEL | Illinois Early Learning |
| IELP | Illinois Early Learning Project |
| IELS | Illinois Early Learning Standard |
| IEP | Individualized Education Program |
| IFSP | Individualized Family Service Plans |
| ILAEYC | Illinois Association for the Education of Young Children |
| INCCRRA | Illinois Network of Child Care Resource Referral Agencies |
| ISBE | Illinois State Board of Education |
| I/T | Interpreter/Translator |
| ITC | Infant Toddler Credential |
| ITCCS | Infant Toddler Child Care Specialist |
| ITERS | Infant Toddler Environment Rating Scale |
| ITN | Illinois Trainers Network |
| LCSW | Licensed Clinical Social Worker |
| LEA | Local Education Agency |
| LRE | Least Restrictive Environment |
| MDC | Multi-Disciplinary Conference |
| MHC | Mental Health Consultant |
| NAC | National Accreditation Commission for Early Care & Education Program |
| NACCRRA | National Association for Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies |
| NAEYC | National Association for the Education of Young Children |
| NAFCC | National Association for Family Child Care |
| NCCIE | National Child Care Information Exchange |
| NCLB | No Child Left Behind |
| NICU | Neonatal Intensive Care Unit |
| ODD | Oppositional Defiance Disorder |
| OSEP | Office of Special Education Programs |
| OT | Occupational Therapy or Occupational Therapist |
| PAT | Parents As Teachers |
| PBIS | Positive Behavior and Intervention Support |
| PDAC | Professional Development Advisory Council |
| PFA | Preschool for All |
| PI | Prevention Initiative |
| PII | Personally Identifiable Information |
| PITC | Program for Infant/Toddler Care |
| PL | Parent Liaison |
| PROV | Child Care Provider |
| PT | Physical Therapist or Physical Therapy |
| QRS | Quality Rating System |
| QRIS | Quality Rating and Improvement Scale |
| RBI | Routines Based Intervention |
| ROE | Regional Office of Education |
| RFP | Request for Proposal |
| R&R | Resource & Referral |
| RTI | Response to Intervention |
| SC | Service Coordination or Service Coordinator |
| SDA | Service Delivery Area |
| SEC | Social Emotional Consultant |
| SEL | Social Emotional Learning |
| SLP | Speech Language Pathology or Speech Language Pathologist |
| SPD | Sensory Procession Disorder |
| SSIP | Statewide Systemic Improvement Plan |
| SW | Social work or Social Worker |
| TA | Technical Assistance |
| TANF | Temporary Assistance for Needy Families |
| VI | Visual Impairment |
| WIC | Women, Infants & Children (Special Supplemental Food Program) |