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If you are new to Independent Living and our acronyms have you dizzy with confusion, this reference is for you. If you are tired of Alphabet Soup, this ready reference will help you unpack the confusion of letters and bring better understanding to your board and staff. If you need to know more than just what the letters stand for, visit our website at LLTTACenter.org for more information about all things Independent Living.

704 Report – An annual program performance report of services provided, prepared by a SILC (Part I) or a center (Part II); obsolete term; replaced with Program Performance Reports (PPR).

723 State – State in which State funding for centers equals or exceeds the amount of Federal funds allotted to the State under Part C, Chapter 1 and in which the Director of the Designated State Entity (DSE) submits an application and is approved by ACL/OILP to administer the CIL program as provided in section 723 of the Act.



AAA or Triple A – Area Agency on Aging

AAGAM – Awarding Agency Grant Administration Manual

AAPD – American Association of People with Disabilities

AARP – American Association of Retired Persons

ACA – Affordable Care Act

ACL – Administration for Community Living

ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act

ADA Center – Americans with
Disabilities Act Center; (11) centers form
the ADA National Network

ADAAA – Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act of 2008

ADAPT – An organization of disability rights activists.

ADLs – Activities of Daily Living

ADRC – Aging and Disability Resource Center AJC – American Job Center

APRIL – Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living



ASAN – Autistic Self Advocacy Network

ASL – American Sign Language AT – Assistive Technology

AT – Assistive Technology

AUCD - Association of University Centers on Disabilities

C

CAP – Client Assistance Program OR Cost Allocation Plan OR Corrective Action Plan

CARES – Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security

CART – Communication Access Real-Time Translation

CAS – Cost Accounting Standards

CBO – Community Based Organization CC – Closed Captioning

CDBG – Community Development Block Grant

CFDA – Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

CFR – Code of Federal Regulations

CIF – Consumer Information Files

CIL – Center for Independent Living

CLA – Community Living Administration

CLSP – Community Living Services Program

CMS – Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

COMP – Compliance and Outcome Monitoring Protocol

COSO – Committee of Sponsoring Organizations

CRP — Community Rehabilitation Program

CRPD – Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

CSR – Consumer Service Record (obsolete term; replaced with Consumer Information Files)

D

DBTAC – Disability and Business Technical Assistance Centers (on the ADA) (obsolete term; replaced with Americans with Disabilities Act Centers (ADA Centers))

DD – Developmental Disability

DME – Durable Medical Equipment

DOE – Department of Education

DOL – Department of Labor

DOR-Department of Rehabilitation



DREDF – Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund

DSE – Designated State Entity

DSU – Designated State Unit (vocational rehabilitation term)

E

ELO – Extended Learning Opportunity EN – Employment Network

ES – Electrical Sensitivities or Enviornmental Sensitivities

EVV – Electronic Visit Verification

F

F&A– Facilities and Administrative

FAC – Federal Audit Clearinghouse

FAPE – Free Appropriate Public Education

FAPIIS – Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System

FAR – Federal Acquisition Regulation

FASB – Financial Accounting Standards Board

FERPA – Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

FFY – Federal Fiscal Year

FHC – Fair Housing Council

FLSA - Fair Labor Standards Act

FMS – Financial Management Services

G

GAAP – Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

GOTV – Get out the Vote

GSA – General Services Administration

H

HAVA – Help Americans Vote Act

HCBS — Home and Community-Based Services

HHS – Department of Health & Human Services

HIPAA – Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

HPRP – Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program

HUD – Housing and Urban Development

IDD – Intellectual Developmental Disability



IDEA – Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

I & E – Innovation and Expansion

IEP - Individualized Education Program

IEPIL – IEP for Independent Living

ILA – Independent Living Administration

ILC – Independent Living Center

ILP – Independent Living Plan

ILRU – Independent Living Research Utilization

I & R – Information and Referral

LRE – Least Restrictive Environment

LTSS – Long-Term Services & Supports

M

MCO – Managed Care Organization

MCS – Multiple Chemical Sensitivity

MFP – Money Follows the Person

MOU – Memorandum of Understanding

MTDC – Modified Total Direct Costs

N

NASIL – National Association of Statewide Independent Living Councils

NCIL – National Council on Independent Living

NFE – Non-federal Entity

NIA - Notice of Intent to Award

NIDILRR – National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research

NPRM – Notice of Proposed Rulemaking



OCR – Office for Civil Rights

OIG – Office of Inspector General

OILP – Office of Independent Living Programs

OMB – Office of Management and Budget

OPM – Office of Personnel Management

OSERS – Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

P

PA – Personal Assistant

PAR – Personnel Activity Report



PAS – Personal Assistance (or Attendant) Services

P & A – Protection and Advocacy

Part B – Refers to Title VII Part B of the Rehabilitation Act, which passes money through the SILC to CILs, more accurately Subsection B

Part C – Refers to Title VII Part C of the Rehabilitation Act, which authorizes direct grants to CILs; more accurately Subsection C

PMS – Payment Management System, the system for drawing funds from the Department of Health and Human Services

PO – Project Officer (ACL/ILA state assignments)

PPE – Personal Protection Equipment

Pre-ETS – Pre-Employment Transition Services

PPP – Paycheck Protection Program

PPR – Program Performance Report

PTI – Parent Training and Information

PWD – People with Disabilities

Q

QA – Quality Assurance

R

RFP – Request for Proposal

RSA – Rehabilitation Services Administration

RTC – Research and Training Center

S

SAA – Single Audit Act

SAM – System for Award Management

SCA – System Change Advocate

SCI – Spinal Cord Injury

SEFA – Schedule of Expenditures for Federal Awards

SF 425 – A form for reporting on expenditures of federal funds.

SILC – Statewide Independent Living Council

SPIL – State Plan for Independent Living

SRC – State Rehabilitation Council

SSA – Social Security Administration

SSD – Social Security Disability

SSDI – Social Security Disability Insurance

SSI – Social Security Income



T

TDD – Telecommunication Device for the Deaf

TA – Technical Assistance

Title VII (7) – Refers to the sections of the Rehabilitation Act relevant to Independent Living programs

TQM – Total Quality Management

TTY – An older designation for a TDD, from teletype

U

UAR – Uniform Administrative Requirements

UG - Uniform Guidance

UCEDD - University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities

USC – United States Code

UEI – Unique Entity Identifier

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VOA - Volunteers of America

VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters

VR – Vocational Rehabilitation

VRI – Video Remote Interpreting (for Deaf and Hard of Hearing)

VRS – Video Relay Service (for Deaf and Hard of Hearing)

VRS – Vocational Rehabilitation Services

W

WIB - Workforce Investment Board

WID – World Institute on Disability

WIOA – Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (July 22, 2014 revision to the Rehabilitation Act)

WIPA – Work Incentive Planning Assistance



YLF – Youth Leadership Forum

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