



ODHH Office of the Deaf
and Hard of Hearing

Professionals and stakeholders use various acronyms in various fields such as early intervention, technology, rehabilitation, education, interpreting as well as recognized acronyms of national and Washington State organizations. ODHH staff has prepared a list of acronyms as a resource when providing services to deaf, hard of hearing and deaf-blind.

General Acronyms

ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ALS	Assistive Listening System
ASL	American Sign Language
AT	Assistive Technology
BTE	Behind the Ear (hearing aid)
BAHA	Bone Anchored Hearing Aid
CTS	Captioned Telephone Service
CA	Communications Assistant
CF	Communication Facilitator
CART	Communication Assistance Real-time Translation
CAN	Computer Aided Note-taking
CC	Closed Captioned
CDI	Certified Deaf Interpreter
CEU	Continuing Education Unit
CI	Certified Interpreter
CI	Cochlear Implant
CODA	Child of Deaf Adult
CS	Contact Sign
CTS	Captioned Telephone Service
D	Deaf
DB	Deaf-Blind
dB	decibel
DHH	Deaf/Hard of Hearing
EI	Early Intervention
ELL	English Language Learners
ENT	Ear, Nose and Throat (doctor)
ESL	English as a Second Language
FRC	Family Resource Coordinator
HA	Hearing Aid
HAC	Hearing Aid Compatible
HATIS	Hearing Aid Telephone Interconnect System
HCO	Hearing Carry Over
HH	Hard of Hearing
HVCS	High Visual Communication Skills
ITC	In the Canal (hearing aid)

ITE	In the Ear (hearing aid)
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEP	Individualized Education Plan
IFSP	Individual Family Service Plan
IL	Independent Living
IL	Induction Loop (aka audio loop)
ITP	Interpreter Training Program
LEP	Limited English Proficiency
MLS	Minimal Language Skills
OC	Open Captioned
PSE	Pidgin Signed English
QA	Quality Assurance (state interpreter certification)
RCD	Rehabilitation Counselor for the Deaf
RSC	Regional Service Center
SCD	Statewide Coordinator of the Deaf
SSDI	Social Security Disability Insurance
SEE	Signing Exact English
SLP	Speech Language Pathologist
SLT	Speech Language Therapist
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
TC	Total Communication
TOD	Teacher of the Deaf
TA	Technical Assistance
TRS	Telecommunication Relay Service
TDD	Telecommunication Device for the Deaf
TTY	Teletype Telephone
2LVCO	Two Line Voice Carry Over
V	Voice
VCO	Voice Carry Over
VP	Video Phone
VI	Video Interpreter
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation
VRI	Video Remote Interpreting
VRS	Video Relay Service

ODHH Acronyms

ACT	Assistive Communication Technology
CAN	Communication Access Network
DHHIS	Deaf and Hard of Hearing Information System
IRA	Information, Referral and Advocacy
OT	Outreach and Training
QDI	Qualified Deaf Interpreter
SHS	Social and Human Services
SLIM	Sign Language Interpreter Management

TED	Telecommunication Equipment Distribution
TRS	Telecommunication Relay Services
WA Relay	Washington Relay Service
WATRS	Washington Telecommunication Relay Services

Washington State Organization Acronyms

3RAD	Three Rivers of Tri-Cities Deaf Club
ADWAS	Abused Deaf Women Advocacy Services
AOC	Administrative Office of the Courts
DBC~WA	Deaf Bilingual Coalition of Washington
DWOW	Deaf Women of Oregon and Washington
CDHL	Center for Childhood Deafness and Hearing Loss
DBSC	Deaf-Blind Service Center
DOH	Department of Health
DSHS	Department of Social and Health Services
DVR	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
EHDDI	Early Hearing Loss Detection, Diagnosis & Intervention
ESIT	Early Support for Infants and Toddlers
EWCDHH	Eastern Washington Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
GCDE	Governor's Committee on Disabilities and Employment Issues
GSCD	Greater Seattle Club of the Deaf
HLA-WA	Hearing Loss Association of Washington
HSDC	Hearing, Speech & Deafness Center
NW ADA Center	Northwest ADA Center
NWDB	Northwest Deaf Bikers
NW HKNC	Northwest Helen Keller National Center
NWRAD	Northwest Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf
NWWCD	Northwest Washington Community of the Deaf
ODHH	Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
OSPI	Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction
PSAD	Puget Sound Association of the Deaf
SCCC	Seattle Central Community College
SEWSCDHH	Southeast Washington Service Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
SWCDHH	Southwest Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
SILC	State Independent Living Council
TAD	Tacoma Association of the Deaf
TCAD	Thurston County Association of the Deaf
VAD	Vancouver Association of the Deaf
WA ASLTA	Washington American Sign Language Teacher Association
WA GUAA	Washington Chapter of Gallaudet University Alumni Association
WASCLA	Washington State Coalition for Language Access
WATAP	Washington Assistive Technology Act Program
WATAP	Washington Telephone Assistance Program
WSAD	Washington State Association of the Deaf

WSD	Washington School for the Deaf
WSDAA	Washington School for the Deaf Alumni Association
WSDS	Washington Sensory Disabilities Services
WSDBC	Washington State Deaf-Blind Citizens
WSRID	Washington State Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf
WVS	Washington Vocational Services
WROCC	Western Region Outreach Center & Consortium (OR)
YVAD	Yakima Valley Association of the Deaf

National Organization Acronyms

AAAD	American Athletic Association of the Deaf
AADB	American Association of Deaf-Blind
ADARA	American Deafness and Rehabilitation Association
AGB	Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf
ALDA	Association of Late Deafened Adults
ASDC	American Society for Deaf Children
ASLHA	American Speech, Language and Hearing Association
ASLTA	American Sign Language Teachers Association
CAID	Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf
CEASD	Conference of Educational Administrations for Schools of the Deaf
CIT	Conference of Interpreter Trainers
CODA	Children of Deaf Adults
COSD	Council of Organizations Serving the Deaf
CSUN	California State University Northridge
DOJ	Department of Justice
EEOC	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
FCC	Federal Communication Commission
GU	Gallaudet University
GUAA	Gallaudet University Alumni Association
H & V	Hands and Voices
HKNC	Helen Keller National Center
HLA	Hearing Loss Association of America
MAALD	Manufacturers Association of Assistive Listening Devices
NAD	National Association of the Deaf
NAOBI	National Alliance of Black Interpreters
NASADHH	National Association of State Agencies of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
NASRA	National Association of State Relay Administrators
NBDA	National Black Deaf Advocates
NCI	National Captioning Institute
NCLD	National Center for Law and the Deaf
NCOD	National Center on Deafness
NECA	National Exchange Carrier Association
NITC	National Interpreter Trainer Consortium
NTD	National Theater of the Deaf

NTID	National Technical Institute for the Deaf
OSERS	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services
PEC	Postsecondary Education Consortium
PEPNet	Postsecondary Education Programs Network
RID	Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf
RSA	Rehabilitation Services Administration
TEDPA	Telecommunication Equipment Distribution Program Administrators
WGD	World Games of the Deaf
WRAD	World Recreation Association of the Deaf