

# INDEPENDENT LIVING ACRONYMS

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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 <https://www.ilru.org> for more information about all things Independent Living.

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- 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.

## A

- 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  
ACL – Administration for Community Living  
ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act  
ADA Center – Americans with Disabilities Act Center; Eleven (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  
ARRA – American Recovery and Reinvestment Act  
ASAN – Autistic Self Advocacy Network  
ASL – American Sign Language  
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  
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))

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 (obsolete term)

## **E**

ELO – Extended Learning Opportunity

EN – Employment Network

ES – Electrical Sensitivities

## **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

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

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

## **I**

IDEA – Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

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

## **L**

LRE – Least Restrictive Environment

LTSS – Long-Term Services & Supports



## **M**

MCS – Multiple Chemical Sensitivity  
MFP – Money Follows the Person  
MOU – Memorandum of Understanding  
MTDC – Modified Total Direct Costs

## **N**

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

## **O**

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 – Program 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

PPP – Paycheck Protection Program

PPR – Program Performance Report

PTI – Parent Training and Information Center

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

## T

TDD – Telecommunication Device for the Deaf

TA – Technical Assistance

Title VII – 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

U.S.C. – United States Code

UEI – Unique Entity Identifier

## V

VOA – Volunteers of America

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

## Y

YLF – Youth Leadership Forum



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