

Head Start and Government Acronyms

A	
AAP	American Academy of Pediatrics
ACF	Administration for Children and Families
ACYF	Administration on Children, Youth and Families
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
AIAN	American Indian and Alaska Native
AMS	Aligned Monitoring System
C	
CAA/CAP	Community Action Agency/Community Action Partnership
CA	Community Assessment
CACFP	Child and Adult Care Food Program
CAN	Child Abuse and Neglect
CAP	Corrective Action Plan
CAP60	Data software tool used for tracking program participants and services
CCDBG	Child Care and Development Block Grant
CCP	Child-Care Partnerships
CDA	Child Development Associate
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CIRCLE	Classroom Assessment Scoring System (Progress Monitoring Tool)
CLASS	Classroom Assessment Scoring System
COLA	Cost of Living Adjustment
CQI	Continuous Quality Improvement
D	
DLL	Dual Language Learners

DOE	US Department of Education
DpC	Dollar Per Child (NHSA campaign)
DUNS	Data Universal Number System
DRS	Designation Renewal System
E	
ECE	Early Childhood Education
ECI	Early Childhood Intervention
EHS	Early Head Start
EHS-CCP	Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership
ECLKC	Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center
EPSDT	Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment
ERSEA	Enrollment, Recruitment, Selection, Eligibility, and Attendance
F	
FAQs	Frequently Asked Questions
FDW	Family Development Worker
FTE	Full-Time Equivalent
FY	Fiscal Year
G	
GAO	General Accountability Office
GED	General Equivalency Diploma
GOLD	Preschool Assessment Tool
GA	Government Affairs (team at NHSA)
GPO	U.S. Government Printing Office
H	
HHS	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
HSAC	Health Services Advisory Committee
HSELOF	Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework
HSCO	Head Start Collaboration Office
HSPPS	Head Start Program Performance Standards

I	
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEP	Individualized Education Program
IFPA	Individualized Family Partnership Agreement
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan
IM	Information Memorandum
ISS	Intervention Support Services
ITERS	Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale
L	
LEA	Local Education Agency
LMS	Learning Management System
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
M	
MIS	Management Information System
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
N	
NAEYC	National Association for the Education of Young Children
NHSA	National Head Start Association
NOA	Notice of Award
NPRM	Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
O	
OHS	Office of Head Start
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OPRE	Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation
P	
PAC	Parent Action Committee
PC	Policy Council
PDM	Program Design and Management
PFCE	Parent, Family, and Community Engagement

PI	Program Instruction
PIR	Program Information Report
PMS	Payment Management System
R	
RFP	Request for Proposal
S	
SF-425	Standard Form-425 Federal Financial Report
SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
SRAC	School Readiness Advisory Committee
SRG	School Readiness Goals
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
T	
T&TA	Training and Technical Assistance
TANF	Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
U	
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
W	
WIC	Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children
WOYC	Week of the Young Child