

- Acronyms -

(used in Alabama's Early Intervention System)

ADA	<u>Americans with Disabilities Act:</u> A federal law that protects the rights of individuals with disabilities
ADRS	<u>Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services:</u> State agency that provides supports and services for individuals with disabilities and serves as lead agency for Alabama's Early Intervention System
AEIS	<u>Alabama's Early Intervention System:</u> Statewide system of supports and services for eligible infants and toddlers, birth to age 3, with disabilities and their families (AEIS operates under federal and state law.)
AIDB	<u>Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind:</u> ICC member state agency that provides supports and services for individuals with vision, hearing and other disabilities
CRD	<u>Central Resource Directory:</u> Directory of statewide public and private service providers, family support organizations and EI programs
CRS	<u>Children's Rehabilitation Service:</u> Division of the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services that provides supports and services to children with special health care needs
CSPD	<u>Comprehensive System of Personnel Development:</u> Program that offers free workshops and training to parents and providers about AEIS and related topics
DCC	<u>District Coordinating Council:</u> A group of parents and service providers who meet periodically to coordinate a districtwide plan of EI supports, services, workshops and family forums (There are seven district councils in Alabama.)
DEIC	<u>District Early Intervention Coordinator:</u> AEIS staff who serve as the district contact point for referred families and who work closely with EI programs and District Coordinating Councils
D/F	<u>Data/Financial:</u> Statewide system that compiles data and information on the cost and amount of services provided to eligible families
DHR	<u>Department of Human Resources:</u> ICC member state agency responsible for supports and services to families and children in abuse or neglect situations
DMH/MR	<u>Department of Mental Health/Mental Retardation:</u> ICC member state agency responsible for supports and services to individuals with developmental delays, mental illness and mental retardation
DPH	<u>Department of Public Health:</u> ICC member state agency responsible for health-related services to families and children
DOT	<u>Department of Transportation:</u> ICC member state agency responsible for state's highways and other transportation systems
DSP	<u>Direct Service Provider:</u> Qualified individual or group that is authorized to provide specific early intervention services to eligible children and families
E & A	<u>Evaluation and Assessment:</u> Required procedure by qualified personnel to determine a child's initial and ongoing eligibility for AEIS and the unique activities and supports needed by that child and family
EI	<u>Early Intervention:</u> Supports and services designed to meet the developmental needs of each eligible child, age birth to three, who has a developmental delay or a diagnosed condition that will probably result in developmental delay, and the needs of the family related to helping the child's development
EPSDT	<u>Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment:</u> A statewide Medicaid program to screen, diagnose and treat health problems in children birth to age 21
FPSC	<u>Financial Planning Subcommittee:</u> A standing subcommittee of the ICC that reviews and provides advice on AEIS funding and expenditures

FAPE	<u>Free and Appropriate Public Education:</u> Education provided under public supervision and expense by state Department of Education
HCFA	<u>Health Care Financing Administration:</u> A federal agency that administers Medicaid and Medicare programs
ICC	<u>Interagency Coordinating Council:</u> A standing group of parents and providers appointed by the Governor to advise and assist the lead agency in the development of AEIS
IDEA	<u>Individuals with Disabilities Education Act:</u> The federal law that provides directives to states on the development of early intervention systems and special education services
IEP	<u>Individualized Education Program:</u> A written plan developed jointly by the family and school for eligible children ages 3 - 21 years
IFSP	<u>Individualized Family Service Plan:</u> A written plan developed jointly by the family, EI service coordinator and providers for eligible children birth to 3 years, and their family
IHE	<u>Institute of Higher Education:</u> A university, college or other post high school training entity
LEA	<u>Local Education Agency:</u> The public entity legally responsible for the provision of public education within each community
LRE	<u>Least Restrictive Environment:</u> An education environment where the eligible child's education needs can be met (Children should be educated in a setting that allows for opportunities to interact with non-disabled children to the greatest extent appropriate.)
OT	<u>Occupational Therapy:</u> Training and services administered by a qualified provider to aid development in self-care and in play to help motor development
PA	<u>Public Awareness Subcommittee:</u> A standing subcommittee of the ICC that reviews and provides advice on AEIS outreach activities
PP&E	<u>Program Planning and Evaluation Subcommittee:</u> A standing subcommittee of the ICC that reviews and provides advice on AEIS program and district activities
PT	<u>Physical Therapy:</u> Training and services administered by a qualified provider to aid motor development and movement
SDE	<u>State Department of Education:</u> ICC member state agency responsible for public education
SES	<u>Special Education Services:</u> Division within the State Department of Education
SLP	<u>Speech Language Pathology:</u> Training and services by a qualified provider to aid communication development
SSA	<u>Social Security Administration:</u> A federal agency that provides financial assistance to qualifying individuals
SSI	<u>Supplemental Security Income:</u> A federally funded cash assistance program administered under SSA for children and adults with special needs or for adults who have a disability
TA	<u>Technical Assistance:</u> Specialized training and support provided to individuals and programs by a qualified individual
TDD/TTY	<u>Telecommunication Device for the Deaf/Teletype:</u> Telephone device that provides full telephone accessibility to people who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities

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