

HUMAN SERVICES ACRONYMS

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A.

AA = (1) Alcoholics Anonymous, (2) Affirmative Action, (3) Associate of Arts degree

AAA = (1) Area Agency on Aging, (2) American Automobile Association

AAAA = Association of Area Agencies on Aging

AAC = Association for Assessment in Counseling

AADA = Association for Adult Development and Aging

AAMD = American Association on Mental Deficiency (Washington DC)

AAMFT = American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists

AARP = American Association of Retired People

AAS = Associate of Arts and Science degree

AASECT = American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists (Chicago IL)

ABA = American Bar Association

ABS = Adaptive Behavior Scale

ACA = (1) American Counseling Association, (2) Assistant County Attorney

ACCA = American College Counselors Association

ACD = Adjourned in Contemplation of Dismissal

ACE = Assisted Competitive Employment

ACES = Association for Counselor Education and Supervision

ACIDS = Acquired Community Immune Deficiency Syndrome (aka AIDS)

ACL = Association for Community Living

ACLU = American Civil Liberties Union

ACMHC = Academy of Clinical Mental Health Counselors

ACSW = Accredited Certified Social Worker

ACOA = Adult Child(ren) of Alcoholics

ACS = American Cancer Society

ACT = Assertive Community Treatment (Teams)

ADA = (1) Americans With Disabilities Act, (2) Assistant District Attorney

ADAS = Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services

ADC = Aid to Dependent Children

ADD = Attention Deficit Disorder

AFL = American Federation of Labor

ADHD = Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

ADSC = Active Disabled of Sullivan County, Inc. (Monticello NY)
AFSCME = Association of Federal, State, County and Municipal Employees
AHA = American Heart Association
AHEAD = Association for Humanistic Education and Development
AHP = Association for Humanistic Psychology (San Francisco CA)
AHS = Associate in Human Services degree
AHTSA = Association of Human and Services for the Aging
AIDS = Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
ALA = American Lung Association
ALC = Alternative Learning Center (BOCES)
AMH = Associate in Mental Health degree
AMHCA = American Mental Health Counselors Association
AMCD = Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development
AMI = Alliance for the Mentally Ill
AMI-NYS = Alliance for the Mentally Ill of New York State
AODA = Alcohol and Other Drugs of Abuse
APA = (1) American Psychiatric Association (Washington DC), (2) American Psychological Association (Washington DC)
APB = All Points Bulletin
ARC = (1) American Red Cross, (2) Association for Retarded Citizens, (3) AIDS-Related Complex (obsolete)
ARCA = American Rehabilitation Counseling Association
ARCS = (1) AIDS Related Community Services, Inc.,
ARVIC = Association for Religious Values Issues in Counseling
ASAALH = Association for Study of Afro-American Life and History
ASCA = American School Counselor Association
ASCII = American Standard Code for Information Exchange
ASGW = Association for Specialists in Group Work
ATC = Alcohol Treatment Center
ATI = Alternatives to Incarceration
ATR = Art Therapist
AWOL = Absent Without Official Leave

B.

BA = Bachelor of Arts degree
BACH = Business Alliance for Commerce in Hemp
BBA = Bachelor of Business Administration degree
BC/BS = Blue Cross/Blue Shield
BCW = Bureau of Child Welfare (City of New York)
BEd = Bachelor of Education degree
BFC = Berkshire Farm Center & Services for Youth (Canaan NY)
BHS = Bachelor of Human Services degree
BIA = Bureau of Indian Affairs (US DOI)
BIF = (1) Borderline Intellectual Functioning, (2) Berkshire Industrial Farm (aka BFC above)
BOCES = Board of Cooperative Educational Services
BOD = Board of Directors
BOGSAT = Bunch of Guys (Girls) Sitting Around a Table
BP = British Pharmacopoeia
BPD = Borderline Personality Disorder
BPRS = Brief Psychiatric Rating Scale
BRS = Bureau of Residential Services
BS(c) = Bachelor of Science degree
BSA = Boy Scouts of America
BSN = Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree

BSRI = Bem Sex Role Inventory
BSW = Bachelor of Social Work degree

C.

CA = (1) Cocaine Anonymous, (2) Chronological Age
CAA = Community Action Agency
CAC = Credentialed Alcoholism (Addictions) Counselor
CACHE = Community Action Commission to Help the Economy of Sullivan County, N.Y.
CACREP = Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs
CADAC = Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor
CAFSC = Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children, Inc.
CAGS = Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study
CAMI = Chemically Abusing/Mentally Ill
CAN = Children and Adolescent Network
CARF = Commission of Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities
CAS = Credentialing Application Service (Albany NY, for CACs)
CASA = Court Appointed Special Advocate
CAIDS = Community Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (aka AIDS)
CBO = Community Based Organization
CCCNY = Citizen's Committee for Children of New York, Inc.
CCMHC = Certified Clinical Mental Health Counselor
CCE = Cornell Cooperative Extension
CCRS = Child Care Review Services
CCU = Coronary Care Unit
CD = (1) Conditional Discharge, (2) Center Director (Job Corps), (3) Character Disorder
CDC = Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDT(P) = Continuing Day Treatment (Program)
CES = Catskill Emergency Service of Sullivan County
CEU = Continuing Education Unit
CF = Correctional Facility
CFS = Coordinated Family Services of Sullivan County
CGC = Certified Gerontological Counselor (NBCC)
CGH = Community General Hospital of Sullivan County
CGI = Clinical Global Impression
CHCA = Community Health Care Association
CHDF = Counseling and Human Development Foundation
CIA = Coalition of Institutionalized Aged
CID = Case Initiation Date
CIN = Case Identification Number
CINS = Child In Need of Supervision
CLMHD = Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors, Inc.
CM = Case Management
CMHC = (1) Community Mental Health Center, (2) Center Mental Health Consultant (Job Corps)
CMCM = Comprehensive Medicaid Case Management
CMI = Chronically Mentally Ill
CMR = Classification In Mental Retardation
CMT = Case Management Team
CO = (1) Corrections Officer, (2) Conscientious Objector, (3) Commanding Officer
COFCCA = Council of Family and Child Caring Agencies
COPS = Comprehensive Outpatient Services
CORE = Council on Rehabilitation Education
COYOTE = Call Off Your Old Tired Ethics (trade group for hookers)
CPA = Certified Public Accountant

CPEP = Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program
CPL = Criminal Procedure Law
CPS = Child Protective Services
CPSE = Committee on Pre-school Special Education
CPSTI = CPS Training Institute, Cornell University
CQC = Commission on Quality Care
CR = Community Residence
CRC = (1) Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRCC), (2) Community Resource Center of Sullivan County (formerly ARC), (3) Conditional Release Commission
CRCC = Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification
CRISP = Community Residence Information Service Program
CSB = Community Services Advisory Board (aka CSB)
CSB = Community Services Board
CSBSMH Community Services Board Subcommittee for Mental Health
CSC = (1) Certified School Counselor (NBCC), (2) Certified Sex Counselor (AASECT)
CSE = Committee on Special Education
CSS = Community Support Services
CVIB = Crime Victims Impact Board
CVMH = Coalition of Voluntary Mental Health
CSW = Certified Social Worker
CWLA = Child Welfare League of America
CWRA = Child Welfare Reform Act of 1979 (Federal Title IV-E)
CYS = Children and Youth Services (Pennsylvania)

D.

DA = District Attorney
DACI = Designated Alcohol Crisis Interventionist
DARE = (1) Drug Abuse Resistance Education (police youth outreach), (2) Drug Abuse Reachout and Restore (Archdiocese of NY)
DAS = (1) Designated Assessment Service, (2) Doctor Assisted Suicide
DCC = Delaware Community Center (aka NYC)
DCFS = Division for Child and Family Services
DCJS = Division of Criminal Justice Services (NYS)
DCS = Department of Community Services
DCYS = Division for Children and Youth Services
DD = (1) Developmental Disability, (2) Doctor of Divinity degree
DDPC = Developmental Disabilities Planning Council
DDS = (1) Doctor of Dental Science (2) Doctor of Dental Surgery
DDSO = Developmental Disability Services Organization
DFY = Division For Youth (DFY)
DHHS = Department of Health and Human Services (US)
DHSS = Department of Health and Social Security (British)
DK = Don't Know
DO = Disbursing Order (American Red Cross)
DOB = (1) Date of Birth, (2) Division of the Budget (NYS)
DOH = Department of Health
DOI = Department of the Interior (US)
DOL = Department of Labor (US)
DOR = Date of Report (CPS)
DOPCA = Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives (NYS)
DPW = Department of Public Works
DRL = Domestic Relations Law
DSM = Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (now in Ed. IV)
DSS = Department of Social Services

DT = Detoxification
DUI = Driving Under the Influence
DSW = Doctor of Social Work degree
DVAA = Delaware Valley Arts Alliance
DVJCC = Delaware Valley Job Corps Center
DVM = Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree
DWAII = Driving While Ability Impaired
DWI = Driving While Intoxicated
DY = Died young (genealogy)
DYC = (1) Delaware Youth Center, Inc. (aka DCC), (2) Dynamite Youth Center, Inc. (Fallsburg NY)

E.

EAP = Employee Assistance Program
ECT = Electroconvulsive Therapy
EdD = Doctor of Education degree
EEG = Electroencephalogram
EEOC = Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (US)
EMS = Emergency Medical Services
EOE = Equal Opportunity Employer
EOEO = Equal Opportunity Employment Office(r)
EMR = Educable Mentally Retarded
EPS = Extra-Pyramidal Syndrome
EQ = Educational Quotient
ER = Emergency Room
ESL = English as a Second Language
ESSNY = Epileptic Society of Southern New York
E&T = Employment & Training

F.

FAMH = Friends and Advocates for Mental Health of Sullivan County
FBI = Federal Bureau of Investigation
FCA = Family Court Act
FECA = Federal Employees' Compensation Act
FEMA = Federal Emergency Management Agency
FHAA = Fair Housing Amendments Act (1988)
FHA = (1) Federal Housing Administration, (2) Future Homemakers of America
FI = Female Impersonator
FMS = False Memory Syndrome
FYI = For Your Information

G.

GA = Gamblers Anonymous
GAL = Guardian ad Litem
GB = Genetic Boy
GBMI = Guilty But Mentally III
GD = Gender Dysphoria
GED = General Equivalency Diploma
GG = Genetic Girl
GM = Genetic Man
GMHC = Gay Men's Health Crisis, Inc.
GRID = Gay-Related Immune Deficiency (aka AIDS)
GSA = Girl Scouts of America
GW = Genetic Woman

H.

HCBS = Home and Community Based Services

HCEEP = Handicapped Early Education Program (PL 91-230)
HCFA = Health Care Financing Administration
HEAP = Home Energy Assistance Program
HELP = Healthcare for Every Low Income Person
HEMP = Help End Marijuana Prohibition
HFA = Home for Adults
HFHI = Habitat for Humanity International (Americus GA)
HFHSC = Habitat for Humanity of Sullivan County, Inc. (Harris NY)
HIV = Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HMO = Health Maintenance Organization
HR = House of Representatives (US)
HS = High School
HSA = Health Services Administrator (Job Corps)
HSE = Health Services Education (American Red Cross)
HSIS = Health Services Instructional System (American Red Cross)
HTLV = Human T-cell Leukemia Virus (aka AIDS)
HUD = US Office of Housing and Urban Development
HVHSA = Hudson Valley Health System Agency (Poughkeepsie NY)

I.

IACS = International Association of Counseling Services
IAAOC = International Association of Addictions and Offender Counselors
IAPRS = International Association of Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services
IAMFC = International Association of Marriage and Family Counselors
IBT = International Brotherhood of Teamsters
ICM = Intensive Case Management
ICD = International Classification of Diseases (now in 9th Ed.)
ICU = Intensive Care Unit
IDT = Intensive Day Treatment
IEP = Individualized Educational Plan (Program)
IESP = Interim Emergency Services Plan
IL = Independent Living
INS = Immigration and Naturalization Service (US)
IPP = Individualized Program Plan
IQ = Intelligence Quotient
IT = Instructor Trainer
IMU = Income Maintenance Unit
IOCC = Inter-Office Coordinating Council
IOU = Interfaith Outreach United of Sullivan County
IPRT = Intensive Psychiatric Rehabilitation Treatment (Training)
IRB = Institutional Review Board
ISLAP = Intensive Supportive Living Apartment Program
ISP = (1) Individual Service Plan, (2) Intensive Supervision Probation
IUD = Intra-Uterine Device

J.

JCAHO = Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations
JINS = Juvenile In Need of Supervision (New Jersey)
JD = Juvenile Delinquent
JO = Juvenile Offender
JSO = Juvenile Services Officer
JTPA = Job Training Partnership Act (29 USC)

K.

KP = Kaposi's Sarcoma

L.

LAB = Legal Aid Bureau
LAS = Legal Aid Society
LCM = Local Commissioners Memorandum
LDSS = Local Department of Social Services
LGP = Local Government Plan
LGU = Local Government Unit
LICSW = Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker
LIP = Local Initiative Program (CACHE)
LPC = Licensed Professional Counselor
LPN = Licensed Practical Nurse
LVDC = Letchworth Village Developmental Center

M.

MA = (1) Master of Arts degree, (2) Medical Assistance, (3) Mental Age
MAO(I) = Monoamine Oxidase (Inhibitors)
MATC = Middletown Alcoholism Treatment Center
MBA = Master of Business Administration degree
MBD = Minimal Brain Dysfunction (obsolete term for ADHD)
MBTI = Myers-Briggs Type Indicator
MCS = Mobile Crisis Services
MD = Medical Doctor degree
MDU = Multiple Disabilities Unit
MEd = Master of Education degree
MHA = Mental Health Association
MHIS = Mental Health Information System
MHL = Mental Hygiene Law
MH/MR = Mental Health/Mental Retardation (Pennsylvania)
MHS = Master of Human Services degree
MHU = Mental Health Unit
MICA = Mentall III Chemical Abuser
MIP = Manager of Intoxicated Persons
MISN = Maternal Infant Services Network of Orange, Sullivan and Ulster Counties, Inc.
MECA = Military Educators and Counselors Association
MMPI = Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory
MO = Medical Officer
MOTAS = Member of the Appropriate Sex
MOTIS = Member of the Inappropriate Sex
MOTOS = Member of the Opposite Sex
MOTSS = Member of the Same Sex
MOW = Meels On Wheels
MP = (1) Military Police, (2) Member of Parlaiment
MPA = Master of Public Administration degree
MPC = Middletown Psychiatric Center
MPD = Multiple Personality Disorder
MR/DD = Mental Retardation/Developmental Disability
MS = (1) Master of Science degree, (2) Multiple Sclerosis
MSW = Master of Social Work degree
MSSW = Master of Science of Social Work degree

N.

NA = (1) Narcotics Anonymous, (2) Not Applicable
NAACP = National Association for Advancement of Colored People
NAMI = National Alliance of Mentally Ill
NASW = National Association of Social Workers
NBCC = National Board for Certified Counselors

NBD = Neurobiological Disorder
NCC = National Certified Counselor
NCDA = National Career Development Association
NECA = National Employment Counseling Association
NGRI = Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity
NHIC = National Health Information Center
NHLBI = National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (Bethesda MD)
NIH = National Institute of Health
NIMBY = Not In My Back Yard
NIMH = National Institute of Mental Health
NMS = Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome
NORML = National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws
NOS = Not Otherwise Specified
NOW = National Organization for Women
NPC(O) = Non-Profit Corporation (Organization)
NPCL = Nof-For-Profit Corporation Law
NYAPRS = New York Association of Psychiatric Reabilitation Services
NYCRR = New York Code of Rules and Regulations
NYPI = New York Psychiatric Institute
NYSASOSP = New York State Alliance of Sex Offender Service Providers (Albany NY)

O.

OA = Overeaters Anonymous
OADAP = Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention
OASAS = Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (NYS)
OAU = Organization of American Unity
O&Cs = Order and Conditions of Probation
OCD = Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
OFA = Office For the Aging
OMB = Office of Management and Budget (NYS)
OMH = Office of Mental Health (NYS)
OMRDD = Office of Mental Health and Developmental Disability (NYS)
OR = Operating Room
OVR = Office for Vocational Rehabilitation (renamed VESID)

P.

PA = (1) Public Assistance, (2) Physician's Assistant
PACT = Program for Assertive Community Treatment
PAIMI = Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness
PANSS = Positive and Negative Syndrome Scale
PAS = Preliminary Assessment of Safety
PASS = Plans for Achieving Self-Support
PCP = Phencyclidine
PDI = Pre-Dispositional Investigation (juvenile probation)
PDR = Physician's Desk Reference
PET = (1) Position Emission Tomography, (2) Parent Effectiveness Training
PHA = US Public Housing Authority
PhD = Doctor of Philosophy degree
PHN = Public Health Nursing
PHSP = Prepaid Health Services Plans
PIC = Private Industry Council
PINS = Person In Need of Supervision
PL = (1) Penal Law, (2) Public Law
PM = Prime Minister
PMO = Prime Minister's Office

PMS = Pre-Menstrual Syndrome
PO = (1) Probation Officer, (2) Police Officer, (3) Parol Officer
POS = Purchase of Services
PPG = Permenancy Planng Goal
PPHA = Private Proprietary Home for Adults
PSA = Protective Services for Adults
PSI = Pre-Sentence Investigation (adult probation)
PSRB = Psychiatric Security Review Board
PsyD = Doctor of Psychology degree
PWA = Person With AIDS

Q.

QA = Quality Assurance
QHP = Qualified Health Professional

R.

RA = Residents' Assistant
RCBF = Regional Cerebral Blood Flow
RCCA = Residential Care Center for Adults
RCPC = Rockland Children's Psychiatric Center
RET = Rational Emotive Therapy
RFP = Request for Proposal
RICO = Racketeer Influence and Corrupt Organizations Act
RIF = (1) Reduction In Force, (2) Reading Is Fundamental
RISE = Rape Intervention Services and Education (Planned Parenthood)
RN = Registered Nurse
RPAC = Regional Planning Advisory Council (Committee)
RSS = Rehabilitation Support Services
RTF = Residential Treatment Facility
RSCHO = Rural Sullivan County Housing Opportunities, Inc.

S.

SA = The Salvation Army
SAD = Seasonal Affective Disorder
SANS = Scale for Assessing Negative Symptoms
SAR = Sexual Attitude Reassessment
SBIS = Stanford-Binet Intelligence Scale
SCADA = Sullivan County Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, Inc
SCAP = Sullivan County Youth Advocate Program
SCCC = Sullivan County Community College
SCCRC = Sullivan County Conditional Release Commission
SCDCS = Sullivan County Department of Community Services
SCDSCMHS = Sullivan County Division of Social and Community Mental Hygiene Services
SCDPW = Sullivan County Department of Public Works
SCDSS = Sullivan County Department of Social Services
SCFH = Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless
SCFPA = Sullivan County Foster and Adoptive Parents Association
SCHAC = Sullivan County Health Advisory Council
SCHPN = Sullivan County Health Promotion Network
SCJ = Sullivan County Jail
SCOA = Sullivan County Office for the Aging
SCPD = Sullivan County Probation Department
SCPHNS = Sullivan County Public Health Nursing Service
SCR = (1) State Central Registry of Child Abuse and Maltreatment (NYS), (2) Uniform Civil Rules for the Supreme Court and County Court
SCSD = Sullivan County Sheriff's Department

SCVSA = Sullivan County Veteran's Service Agency
SCYB = Sullivan County Youth Bureau
SDOH = State Department of Health
SDSS = State Department of Social Services
SDTC = Sullivan Diagnostic Treatment Center (Harris NY)
SED = (1) Seriously Emotionally Disturbed, (2) State Education Department
SETRC = Special Education Teacher's Resource Center
SIECUS = Sex Information and Education Council of the US (NYC)
SLAP = Supervised Living Apartment Program
SLAPP = Strategic Lawsuits Against Political Participants
S&M = Sadism and Masochism
SOS = (1) Secular Organization for Sobriety, or Save Our Selves (Buffalo NY); (2) Save Our Souls (...-----)
SPECT = Single Photon Emission Tomography
SPMI = Seriously and Persistently Mentally Ill
SRI = Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors
SRO = Single Room Occupancy
SRS = Sex Reassignment Surgery
SSA = Social Security Administration
SSAB = Social Services Advisory Board
SSD = Social Security Disability
SSI = Supplemental Security Income
SSL = Social Services Law
SSRR = Social Services Reporting Requirements
SSSS = Society for the Scientific Study of Sex (Minneapolis MN)
STD = Sexually Transmitted Disease

T.

TA = Transactional Analysis
TASA = Teen-Age Services Act
TCAs = Tricyclic Antidepressants
TD = Tardive Dyskinesia
TEP = Transitional Employment Program
TG = Transgendered
TMR = Trainable Mentally Retarded
TS = Transsexual
TV = Transvestite

U.

UCR = Uniform Case Record(ing)
UCP = United Cerebral Palsy Association
UDHA = Upper Delaware Heritage Alliance
UR = Utilization Review
USP = US Pharmacopeia
UUSC = Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (Boston MA)
UW = United Way

V.

VESID = Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals With Disabilities (formerly OVR)
VD = Venereal Disease
VIS = Victim Impact Statement (probation)
VISTA = Volunteers In Service To America (Washington DC)
VOCAL = Victims of Child Abuse Legislation

W.

WAIS = Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale
WCTU = Women's Christian Temperance Union

WISC = Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children

WMS = Welfare Management System

WIC = Women, Infants and Children

WHO = World Health Organization

WONDER = Wide-ranging ONline Data for Epidemiologic Research (CDC computer network)

WPPSI = Wechsler Preschool and Primary Scale of Intelligence

WSI = Water Safety Instructor (American Red Cross)

Y.

YAP = Youth Advocacy Programs, Inc. (aka SCAP, Liberty NY)

YAR-CPP = Youth At Risk Community Partnership Program

YMCA = Young Men's Christian Association

YMHA = Young Men's Hebrew Association

YO = Youthful Offender

YWCA = Young Women's Christian Association

YWHA = Young Women's Hebrew Association

Z.

ZPG = Zero Population Growth