



# Frequently Used Acronyms for Families of Children with Special Healthcare Needs

There are many acronyms used that are relevant to families of children with special healthcare needs. This list are the most commonly used.

- **ADA:** American Disability Act
- **ADD/ADHD:** Attention Deficit (Hyperactivity) Disorder
- **AI:** Autistic Impairment
- **ASD:** Autism Spectrum Disorder
- **ASL:** American Sign Language
- **BD:** Behavioral Disorder
- **BIP:** Behavioral Intervention Plan
- **CAFAS:** Child and Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale
- **CC:** Closed Captioning
- **CI:** Cognitively Impaired
- **CF:** Cystic Fibrosis
- **CP:** Cerebral Palsy
- **CYSHCN:** Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs
- **DD/ID:** Developmental/Intellectual Disabilities
- **DS:** Down Syndrome
- **EBP:** Evidence-Based Practice
- **ECSE:** Early Childhood Special Education
- **EI:** Early Intervention
- **EMR:** Electronic Medical Record
- **FERPA:** Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
- **FQHC:** Federally Qualified Health Center
- **HOH:** Hard of Hearing
- **ID:** Intellectual Disability
- **IDEA:** Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
- **IEP:** Individual Education Plan
- **ISD:** Intermediate School District
- **LHD:** Local Health Department
- **LOS:** Length of Stay
- **MD:** Muscular Dystrophy
- **MI:** Mental Illness
- **PECFAS:** Preschool and Early Childhood Functional Assessment Scale
- **PAC:** Parent Advisory Committee OR Political Action Committee
- **RR:** Recipient Rights
- **SD:** Self-Determination
- **SE:** Special Education
- **SED:** Serious Emotional Disturbance
- **SIDS:** Sudden Infant Death Syndrome

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(MIF2F) exists to share resources, information, and learning opportunities for families of children and youth with special health care needs across Michigan, and also for the community partners and healthcare providers who care for them.  
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- Information and resources related to caring for a child or young adult with special healthcare needs.
- Parent peers and individuals with experience navigating the maze of special health care services and programs.
- A network of Family Leaders across Michigan to help us identify community supports and resources for families.



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