



Acronyms and Laws: A Reference for AT Act Program Directors

(This is not a comprehensive list)

Federal Agencies and Federally-Funded Entities

ACL	Administration for Community Living
ADRC	Aging and Disability Resource Centers
AIDD	Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
AoA	Administration on Aging
AoD	Administration on Disabilities
CIL	Center for Independent Living
CMS	Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services
DOE	Department of Education
DOL	Department of Labor
EAC	Election Assistance Commission
EEOC	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
HHS	US Department of Health and Human Services
LEND	Leadership and Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities
NIDILRR	National Institute on Disability and Independent Living Rehabilitation Research
NSF	National Science Foundation
OCR	Office for Civil Rights (Dept. of Ed)
ODEP	Office of Disability and Employment Policy
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs (Dept. of Ed)
OSERS	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
P&A	Protection and Advocacy
RSA	Rehabilitative Services Administration



RERC	Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center
SEA	State education agencies
UCEDD	University Center on Excellence in Development Disabilities
USAC	United States Access Board
VA	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation

[Associations and Organizations](#)

AMAC	Accessibility Solutions and Research Center, Georgia Tech
OTA	American Occupational Therapy Association
ASHA	American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
ATAP	Association of Assistive Technology Act Programs*
AT3	Assistive Technology Act Technical Assistance and Training Center
ATIA	Assistive Technology Industry Association**
AUCD	Association of University Centers on Disability
CANAR	Consortia of Administrators for Native American Rehabilitation
CAST	National Center on Accessible Educational Materials
CCD	Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities
CSAVR	Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation
CSUN	California State University Northridge**
CTD	Center on Technology and Disability
CTG	Closing the Gap**
NASDSE	National Association of State Directors of Special Education
NCIL	National Council for Independent Living
NDRN	National Disability Rights Network
NRA	National Rehabilitation Association
RESNA	Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America**



TEDPA Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program Association

* offers a yearly AT Leadership Symposium for Program Directors

** offers a yearly Assistive Technology conference

[AT, AT Act and Related](#)

AFP Alternate Financing Program

AIM Accessible Instructional Materials

APR Annual Performance Report

CATADA Center on Assistive Technology Act Data Assistance

CDFI Community Development Financial Institutions

CoP Community of Practice

EADL Electronic aids to daily living ("environmental control units")

FCTR Federal Cash Transaction Report

FFR Federal Financial Report

ICT Information and Communication Technology

I&A Information and assistance

MGM Mandatory Grants Module (Grant Solutions System that issues awards)

NATADS National Assistive Technology Act Data System

NDBEDP National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program

NISAT National Information System for Assistive Technology

P&A Protection and Advocacy

PIOC Pass It On Center, AMAC, Georgia Tech

PMS Payment Management System (HHS system used by ACL)

PSC Program Support Center (HHS system used by ACL)

SGD Speech generating device (augmentative and alternative communication [AAC] device)

TA Technical Assistance

TTA Training and Technical Assistance



UDL	Universal Design for Learning
PAVA	Protection and Advocacy for Voting Access

General

IDD	Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
IEP	Individual Education Plan
IFSP	Individual Family Service Plan
IPE	Individual Plan for Employment
ITP	Individual Transition Plan
FY	Fiscal Year
FFY	Federal fiscal year
LA	Lead Agency
LEA	Local Education Agency
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
MFP	Money Follows the Person
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NWD	No Wrong Door
PI	Principal Investigator
SPAT	State Plan for AT
SFY	State Fiscal Year

Laws and Regulations

ACA	Affordable Care Act (including Medicare, Medicaid; associated Medicaid Waiver programs within your state; Money Follows the Person (MFP); No Wrong Door (NWD))
ACAA	Air Carriers Access Act
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
AT Act	Assistive Technology Act of 1998, as amended (formerly known as Tech Act)



CVAA	Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act
ESSA	Every Student Succeeds Act (formerly Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA))
FERPA	Family Education Rights and Privacy Act
FHA	Fair Housing Act
HAVA	Help America Vote Act
HIPPA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (Amended to I-D-E-A, 2004 - Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act; Part B - school age; Part C – birth to 2yrs)
WIOA	Work Force Investment and Opportunity Act
Rehab Act	Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (as amended; includes Sections 504 & 508; now contained within WIOA)
Section 255	Section 255 of the Communications Act (as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996)

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