

CARMEL COMMUNITY LIVING CORPORATION

A GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS

AND

DEFINITIONS OF COMMON TERMS

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ABBREVIATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

- AAIDD** **American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities** The nation's oldest and most respected professional society concerned with mental retardation; formerly AAMR. www.aidd.org
- AAMR** **American Association on Mental Retardation.** Former name of American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD).
- ACL** **Association for Community Living.** Boulder County's chapter of The ARC.
- ADA** **Americans with Disabilities Act.** The comprehensive federal law that makes it unlawful to discriminate against an individual with a disability. It also outlines requirements for physical accessibility (i.e., wheelchair ramps) and reasonable accommodations.
- AND** **Aid to Needy and Disabled.** A government financial assistance program.
- APSE** **Association for Persons in Supported Employment.** A national organization committed to expanding and improving integrated employment opportunities and outcomes for persons with disabilities. www.apse.org
- ARC** **The Association for Retarded Citizens** (formerly). Now known as just The Arc, it is a support and advocacy group made up of persons with developmental disabilities, their families, professionals and other interested persons.
- ARS** **Adult Residential Services.** State funded residential program for persons who do not qualify for Medicaid waiver funding. Regulations are similar to Medicaid's; very few people receive this funding.
- ASA/PASA** **Approved Service Agency** (former) /**Program Approved Service Agency** (current). The state designation for an agency, corporation or individual who meets state requirements to provide services to persons with developmental disabilities.
- ASL** **American Sign Language.** A formal method of communication using hand gestures and facial expressions used by people with hearing impairments.
- The Alliance** Professional association of 15 CCBs and 20 PASAs; (See CACCB)
- Asperger Syndrome** A form of autism in which affected individuals are characterized by social isolation and eccentric behavior in childhood.
- Atlantoaxial Instability/Dislocation** A greater than normal mobility of the two upper cervical vertebrae at the top of the neck. Usually found in persons with

Down Syndrome, it can cause death or severe injury if the area is subjected to trauma. All clients with Down Syndrome must be checked (via x-ray) before participating in certain contact sports or other activities.

- Autism** A developmental disability affecting verbal and nonverbal communication and social relationships, generally evident before age three, that adversely affects a person's functional abilities.
- Bundled Services** Under the prior Medicaid system (pre-2006), all Comprehensive services were "bundled" under one category; PASAs were expected to provide all of those services for one daily rate. This was changed in 2006 so that there are now nine discrete services, each with its own level of funding.
- CA** **Chronological Age.** The actual age of an individual; used to compare with Mental Age (MA) on intelligence tests.
- CA** **Contract Administrator.** The former staff position within CCLC's residential program which monitored services provided by Host Home Providers. (see PC, CM)
- CANDD** **Colorado Association of Nurses in Developmental Disabilities**
Professional organization of nurses who work in DD agencies
- CAT Scan** **Computed Axial Tomography.** A radiological technique to produce a picture that shows the brain in cross section.
- CACCB** **Colorado Association of Community Centered Boards.** Former name of The Alliance.
- CCB** **Community Centered Board.** A nonprofit quasi-governmental organization created by the Colorado legislature to determine eligibility of individuals with developmental disabilities within a specific geographical district and develop a plan for services and supports. CCBs are authorized to provide services directly or to purchase them from PASAs. CCBs funnel Medicaid funding from the state to the PASAs and are also responsible for assuring the quality of services in their area. (See the list of CCBs and their locations at the end of this booklet.)
- CCMS** **Community Contract Management System.** Computerized system used by CCBs and the state for tracking consumer information. CCMS furnishes demographic, program enrollment and billing information.
- CDHS** **Colorado Department of Human Services.** The state cabinet-level department which oversees and/or licenses all services provided by agencies, corporations or individuals to people with needs; this includes our services as well as home day care, foster care, rehabilitation, and social services functions.

CDPHE	Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. The state cabinet-level department which oversees and/or licenses all health-care related services. CDPHE monitors group homes and some day program services.
CDSI	Centennial Developmental Services, Inc. Former name of Envision, the CCB in Weld County (Greeley).
CEC	Council for Exceptional Children. A national, professional organization concerned with special education. www.cec.sped.org
CES	Children's Extensive Supports. A waiver program that provides Medicaid and additional supports and services to children with developmental disabilities or delays who are most in need due to the severity of the disability; from birth through age 17. Similar to SLS.
CHRP	Children's Habilitative Residential Program. Medicaid program which pays for foster care for certain eligible children; CHRP providers are foster parents and must be certified by a Child Placement Agency (CPA).
CIE	Community Integrated Employment (see Supported Employment)
CLR	Comprehensive Life Review. Thorough review of all aspects of the person's current life situation by the interdisciplinary team; required for use of medications for behavior control.
CM	Case Manager/Case Management Position within CCLC that supervises direct service providers and monitors Host Home Providers. Also: Resource Coordinator (RC) or Community Coordinator (CC). An employee of a CCB whose primary responsibility is to determine and maintain eligibility for services and Medicaid funding. Also responsible for coordinating all services received by an individual who is a client of that CCB
CMHI	Colorado Mental Health Institute A state-funded hospital (usually long-term) for persons with mental illness; there are two such facilities: Ft. Logan (Denver) and Pueblo.
CMI	Chronically Mentally Ill. A person with a mental illness which is not well controlled with medications; these individuals usually are hospitalized in a psychiatric facility for long periods or repeatedly.
CMS	Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services Federal agency which oversees all Medicare and Medicaid services; CMS staff perform audits of state programs
COBRA	Comprehensive Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act. Budget act of 1985 with provisions for states to include habilitation services offered in home and community based pre-vocational and community employment for qualifying persons.

- CP** **Cerebral Palsy.** Medical condition which manifests itself in spasticity, weakness, lack of coordination or any other motor problem due to organic brain damage. May include sensory and/or movement disorders, seizures, mental retardation, learning disabilities and disorders of behavior.
- CP** **Community Participation.** A Day program service offering opportunities for persons with developmental disabilities to experience valued adult roles in the community. These services should enable an individual to access and participate in meaningful, typical services, supports and activities that any person might enjoy.
- CPA** **Child Placement Agency.** Licensing designation given to an agency by the Division of Child Care of CDHS to certify foster care homes and to place children into foster care. Carmel became licensed as a CPA in August 2004.
- CPA Network** A non-profit organization which provides supports, training opportunities and legislative lobbying on behalf of its member CPAs in Colorado. Carmel is a member.
- CSAT** **Comprehensive Skills Assessment Test.** A standardized assessment which measures the adaptive skills and needs of an individual receiving services. It was used by several CCBs to determine funding levels, but was replaced with the SIS by DDD in 2006.
- CTRS** **Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist.** A person licensed by the state to provide therapeutic recreation services; at least a Bachelor's degree is required.
- Capitation** A method of financing services where the payer pays a fixed amount of money per person to a managing agency to deliver a set of services whether or not the person uses the services. In Colorado, the Mental Health system is capitated: mental health agencies receive a set amount of funding from the state and must provide all required services to anyone who is eligible, regardless of the number.
- CCB Partners** An association of five CCBs; formerly members of CACCB.
- Community Visions** CCLC's Day Program/Community Activities services division.
- Comprehensive Services** The Medicaid waiver set of services which requires access to 24-hour supports. There are nine discrete services: Residential; Day/Vocational; Transportation; Skilled Nursing; Dental; Vision; Behavioral; Specialized Medical Equipment; Disposable Medical Supplies.

- Consent** An informed agreement which is expressed in writing and is freely given; (see Informed Consent).
- DD** **Developmental Disability/Disabilities.** Disabilities that are evident before a person reaches the age of 22. These are likely to continue indefinitely and are attributable to mental retardation or related conditions such as cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism or other neurological conditions which impair the intellectual functioning or behavior.
- DDC** **Developmental Disabilities Center.** Former name for Imagine!, the CCB in Boulder and Broomfield counties.
- DDC** **Developmental Disability Consultants.** A private agency which provides behavioral assessments and therapies for some of our clients, especially those labeled as sex offenders; offices in Denver and Colorado Springs.
- DDD** **Division for Developmental Disabilities (formerly Developmental Disabilities Services – DDS).** The state agency within CDHS responsible for the administration of state sponsored services and funding for developmental disabilities for the state of Colorado. This agency contracts with and oversees the CCBs; also performs inspections (called surveys) of PASAs – annual for residential, biannual for day and vocational.
- DDRC** **Developmental Disabilities Resource Center.** The CCB in Jefferson, Gilpin, Clear Creek and Summit counties (office in Lakewood).
- DI** **Deinstitutionalization.** The movement of individuals out of large congregate settings into smaller, more individualized settings.
- DNR** **Do Not Resuscitate order.** Written order made by an individual and signed off on by the physician (and guardian if there is one) which specifies the conditions under which CPR and other life-saving techniques are to be used or withheld. The person should wear an identification bracelet or pendant with this information, and the original of the written DNR order must be available for EMTs or other emergency medical personnel to consult during an emergency.
- DO** **Denver Options.** The CCB for the city and county of Denver.
- DO** **Developmental Opportunities.** Former name for Starpoint, the CCB in Fremont, Chafee and Custer counties (office in Canon City).
- DP** **Developmental Pathways.** The CCB in Arapahoe and Douglas counties (offices in Aurora and Centennial).
- DVR** **Division for Vocational Rehabilitation.** A state agency which funds and oversees vocational services for persons with disabilities. CCLC works with DVR in several counties.

- Developmental Delay** Being behind other children of the same age in achieving cognitive, adaptive, physical and social skills; not necessarily a developmental disability, so a child with a developmental delay may not qualify for DDD services.
- Down Syndrome** A syndrome resulting from chromosomal abnormalities: trisomy-21 (there are three chromosomes instead of two at the 21st pair). People with Down Syndrome usually have mental retardation and often are born with cardio-pulmonary issues. They can be susceptible to an Alzheimer's Disease-like condition at a comparatively early age (40s – 50s).
- Dual-Eligible** Clients who are eligible for both Medicaid and Medicare; Medicaid pays the premiums for Medicare for these clients.
- Dysphagia** Problems related to swallowing.
- EBD** **Elderly Blind or Disabled.** A waiver program under Medicaid to provide elderly, blind and disabled persons a community alternative to nursing facility care; also funds and regulates day habilitation programs; administered by CDPHE. Age 18 and older.
- ECP** **Emergency Control Procedure.** An unanticipated use of a restrictive procedure in order to keep the person receiving services and/or others safe. Whenever an ECP is used, the IDT must consider whether a Safety Control Procedure is warranted
- EI** **Early Intervention.** A collection of services which provide stimulation and education for eligible children from birth to age 3; administered by DDD.
- EOR** **Employer of Record.** An agency which acts as the employer for persons hired by a client to provide services within the self-determination program. For a fee, the EOR is responsible for pre-employment screenings and training, federal and state payroll issues, etc., so that the client or family does not have to.
- Echolalia** Repetitive, parrot-like speech using words spoken by others.
- Employment Consultant** An individual with development and training skills having primary responsibility for planning and/or providing job training and on-going support services.
- Envision** The CCB for Weld County, formerly Centennial Developmental Services (office in Evans)
- Epilepsy** Neurological disorder causing brief temporary changes in the normal functioning of the brain's electrical system (seizures); also known as seizure disorder.

- FA** **Functional Analysis.** A comprehensive analysis of factors which may influence current behavior, usually performed by the IDT in conjunction with a Comprehensive Life Review; required for restrictive procedures.
- FI** **Financial or Fiscal Intermediary.** In the self-determination program, an individual or agency which performs accounting and billing functions for Medicaid-funded services. Medicaid does not allow direct payments to individuals or family members; the FI collects bills and invoices from the client, submits them to the CCB for payment, and passes the payment back to the client or family. Carmel has a separate corporation: Colorado Financial Intermediary, Inc.
- FGI** **Foothills Gateway, Inc.** The CCB in Larimer county (Ft. Collins).
- FP** **Foster Parent(s)** An individual or couple who take foster children into their home through the CPA program
- FSSP** **Family Services and Supports Program** State-funded program designed to offer supportive services for families who have children with special needs living at home.
- FTE** **Full Time Employee/Equivalent** A budgeting/staffing term referring to a 40-hour a week position, or its equivalent in part-time employees.
- Fragile-X Syndrome** A genetic cause of mental retardation, often accompanied by behavior control issues; most common in males.
- Functioning Level** Generally outdated method of categorizing the level of disability a person has: mild, moderate, severe, profound.
- GRSS** **Group Residential Services and Supports.** DDD category of services for persons living in residential settings ranging from 4 to 8 beds (group homes). Group homes are regulated by DDD and CDPHE.
- Gastrostomy** Surgical opening to the stomach; a feeding tube (G-Tube) is inserted into the opening and is used to feed the person.
- Guardian** Person appointed by the court to be a substitute decision-maker for persons receiving services deemed to be incompetent of making informed decisions for themselves. The powers of a guardian are determined by a judge and may be limited to certain aspects of the person’s life. Parents are legal guardians of their child until the child reaches age 18; after that age, parents have no legal control over their child unless the court has made them guardian. Guardianship may not be passed to another individual without court approval (i.e., “inherited”); there may be more than one guardian appointed for a person. Guardianship ceases with the death of the individual who had the guardian.
- HCPF** **Health Care Policy and Financing.** A state agency charged with developing and enforcing medical care policy, especially Medicaid.

- HHP** **Host Home Provider.** An individual or couple who contract with a PASA to take a client into their home and provide all needed services.
- HIPAA** **Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996** Federal law governing confidentiality of client records
- HRC** **Human Rights Committee.** A volunteer group within each CCB area which safeguards the rights of individuals receiving services. The HRC reviews allegations and investigations of Mistreatment, Abuse, Neglect or Exploitation, as well as the use of medications for behavior control, Emergency Controls and Safety Controls, rights suspensions and use of restrictive procedures.
- HUD** **Housing and Urban Development.** Federal cabinet agency which provides assistance with housing costs for people with low incomes; several clients receive rent subsidies through HUD's Section 8 program.
- Habilitation/Habilitative Services** The type of services provided by PASAs: teaching and maintaining skills of daily, independent living (as opposed to Rehabilitation, or the retraining of skills that have been lost due to illness or injury).
- Hemiplegia/Hemiparesis** Conditions often associated with cerebral palsy affecting one side (hemi) of the body; plegia = total paralysis; paresis = weakness.
- Hydrocephalus** A condition in which cerebrospinal fluid collects in the skull and puts pressure on the brain; can cause an enlarged head in infants. Usually treated by surgically inserting a shunt to drain the excess fluid.
- ICF/MR** **Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded.** Facility which provides a level of medical or custodial care beyond that required in supported living or group home placements, but less than a full-time intensive medical or custodial need. Carmel House was an ICF/MR.
- IDT** **Interdisciplinary Team.** The team of people who develop the Individualized plan (IP) for the person receiving services. Members of the team include the person, his/her guardian/family, resource coordinator, staff from the agencies providing services and any other interested parties whom the client invites.
- IEP** **Individualized Education Program.** Education plan for a specific student written by the IDT; the plan states learning objectives and steps to meet the objectives within a given time frame.
- IP** **Individualized Plan.** Written plan designed to meet the total needs of a person receiving services and the services and supports required to meet those needs; developed by the IDT and reviewed at least every 6 months.
- IPCS** **Individualized Plan Cover Sheet.** A list of authorized services and the number of units or dollar amount allocated to those services. (See PAR, Units)

- IQ** **Intelligence Quotient.** A score derived from an intelligence test that provides information as to how an individual’s aptitude for learning compares to other individuals of the same age (Chronological Age compared to Mental Age). The “average” score is 100, with the range of “average” intelligence from 80 to 120. To be eligible for services in Colorado, a person’s IQ score must be below 72. A person with a Mental Age of 4 does not mean that he/she can only learn as much as a 4-year old; it means that he/she can learn/absorb new material at the same rate as a typical 4-year old.
- IRSS** **Individual Residential Services and Supports.** DDD category of residential services which include settings of no more than three individuals; may be staffed apartments or houses or host homes.
- IRWE** **Impairment-Related Work Expense.** Social Security Administration term for costs of items or services related to a person’s disability which are needed for employment; these expenses may be deducted from income when determining eligibility for some benefits.
- ISP** **Individual Service Plan.** Written plan used by SLS and CES to list the services to be provided to a client.
- ISSP** **Individual Service and Support Plan.** Written program developed by a PASA to identify specific program objectives and how progress will be measured; can be used to teach a skill (i.e., laundry) or to assist a client to improve an inappropriate behavior.
- Informed Consent** A decision based on knowledge of the advantages and disadvantages and implications of choosing a particular course of action; informed consent must be obtained from client/guardian before medications for behavior control or an ISSP with restrictive procedures can be used.
- JBC** **Joint Budget Committee.** Committee of the state legislature responsible for setting the state’s budget expenditures.
- LPN** **Licensed Practical Nurse.** An LPN can perform many of the functions and duties of an RN, but must be under the supervision of an RN. Importantly for CCLC, an LPN cannot take physician’s orders over the phone.
- MA** **Mental Age.** Term used in intelligence testing; an age equivalency that is determined from a raw score.
- MCO** **Managed Care Organization.** This is a risk-bearing entity which receives a fixed payment to assure that a set of consumers get all the services they require as specified in the managed care plan. An MCO does not directly provide services.

- MHASA** **Mental Health Assessment and Services Agency.** An agency which contracts with state Medicaid to provide all mental health services to the Medicaid population of a given geographic area.
- MSO** **Managed Service Organization.** An MSO integrates the functions of a managed care organization (MCO) with service delivery. An MSO may take the form of an integrated provider service network which agrees to form a separate entity that will accept risk and capitation, manage use across the network and carry out other MCO-type functions.
- MSW** **Masters in Social Work** Degree required to be a CPA Placement Supervisor.
- Medicaid** A funding source authorized under Title XIX of the Social Security Act that provides health care assistance to individuals who qualify based upon their income. The program is funded by both federal and state money, but is administered by the state.
- Medicaid State Plan** Section of Medicaid that pays for non-Comprehensive services, such as doctors, hospitals, medical equipment, medications, etc.
- Medicare** A federal health insurance program run by the CHCPF that includes both hospital and medical insurance.
- Medicare Part D** Section of Medicare that pays for prescription medications.
- Mental Retardation** The American Association on Mental Retardation defines mental retardation as referring to substantial limitations in present functioning. It is characterized by significantly below average intellectual functioning, existing concurrently with related limitations in two or more of the following applicable adaptive skill areas: communication, self-care, home living, social skills, community use, self-direction, health and safety, functional academics, leisure and work. Mental retardation manifests before age eighteen.
- Microcephaly** A condition in which the skull and brain are much smaller than usual, causing mental retardation and other neurological problems.
- OBRA** **Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act.** A 1987 act that applies to eligible individuals residing in or moving from nursing facilities.
- OSHA** **Occupational Safety and Health Administration.** Federal agency charged with enforcing occupational safety rules.
- Occupational Therapist (OT)** Therapist who uses purposeful activities to improve movement and coordination, visual perceptual skills, self-help skills, and reading skills. An OT is also trained to adapt equipment.
- PAR** **Prior Authorization Request.** All Medicaid-funded services must be pre-approved through the PAR process: a formal request is sent to DDD which approves (or denies) the requested amount of funding for a particular service.

PARs must be resubmitted annually at the time of the IDT meeting. The approved PARs are listed on the client's IP Cover Sheet (see IPCS).

- PASA** **Program Approved Service Agency** (see ASA)
- PASS** The federal **Plan to Achieve Self-Sufficiency**. A way for people who receive Social Security to set aside some of that money to help them achieve self-sufficiency without losing benefits.
- PC** **Politically Correct** or **Personal Computer** (IBM-clone type machine vs. Apple)
- PC** **Program Coordinator**. The former staff position within CCLC which monitors and supervises direct service provision by staff. (see CA – Contract Administrator)
- PCA** **Personal Care Alternative**. A residential setting for up to three people, designed to meet the unique needs of the individuals.
- PETI** **Post Eligibility Treatment of Income**. Applies to Medicaid programs and involves the portion of financial responsibility of the person.
- PJS** **Progressive Job Solutions**. CCLC's vocational services division.
- PKU** **Phenylketonuria**. A metabolic disorder that fails to oxidize amino acids and can result in mental retardation. Persons with PKU should restrict their intake of aspartame, an artificial sweetener, which has also been related to increases in seizure activity.
- PM** **Program Manager** Position within CCLC that supervises Case Managers and Day/Vocational/SLS Program Managers.
- PPD** A skin test used to detect tuberculosis.
- PQ** **Program Quality** Section within DDD that monitors services provided to clients by service agencies (see Surveys).
- PS** **Placement Supervisor**. The employee who supervises the Child Placement Agency services of CCLC. Qualifications and duties for this position are defined by state regulations.
- PT** **Physical Therapist**. Therapist who works with an individual, generally through exercise, to improve movement patterns.
- PTSD** **Post Traumatic Stress Disorder** A psychiatric disorder that can occur following the experiencing or witnessing of life-threatening events; people who suffer from PTSD often relive the experience through nightmares and flashbacks, have difficulty sleeping and feel detached or estranged.

- PW** **Placement Worker.** An employee who supervises and monitors foster parents in the Child Placement Agency division of CCLC. Qualifications and permitted duties for this position are defined by state regulations.
- Psychotropic or Psychoactive Medications** Drugs which affect mental activity, behavior or perception. They include tranquilizers, sedatives, and anti-depressants; medications used to aid sleep are also in this category per state regulations.
- Quality Assurance (QA)** An organized set of activities intended to systematically ensure minimal safety of people receiving services and to encourage performance improvements.
- RC** **Resource Coordinator or Resource Coordination.** (See CM – Case Manager)
- RC** **Regional Center.** One of three large state institutions housing persons with more severe disabilities, located in Wheat Ridge, Grand Junction and Pueblo.
- RFP** **Request for Proposal.** Generally an RFP is issued to suppliers of an item or a service indicating a desire to purchase on behalf of the entity issuing the RFP. Many CCBs use the RFP process to locate services for our consumers.
- RM** **Region Manager** Position within CCLC that administers all aspects and functions within the assigned Region.
- RN** **Registered Nurse.**
- RLS** **Residential Living Specialist.** A CCLC staff position; provides direct services to clients living in semi-independent or independent settings (PCAs).
- RPC** **Referral and Placement Committee.** An interdisciplinary or interagency committee authorized by a Community Centered Board or the Department of Human Services to make referral and placement recommendations for persons receiving services. CRS 27-10.5-102
- RTD** **Regional Transportation District.** The Denver metro area public bus transportation system.
- Region** Within CCLC, a geographic catchment area for administering services.
North: Larimer and Weld counties; offices in Ft. Collins and Greeley; Day Program site in Frederick; CCBs: Foothills Gateway, Envision
Central: Boulder, Broomfield and Adams counties; offices in Boulder and Northglenn; Day Program site in Boulder; CCBs: Imagine!, NMCS
Metro: Denver, Arapahoe, Douglas, Jefferson, Gilpin, Clear Creek, Summit counties; office and Day Program in Englewood; CCBs: Denver Options, DP, DDRC
South: El Paso, Park, Teller counties; office in Colorado Springs; CCB: TRE.

- SCP** **Safety Control Procedure.** A written, planned restrictive procedure regarding when and how staff would physically intervene to keep a person and/or others around the individual safe. (see ECP)
- SE** **Supported Employment.** Paid employment for adults with developmental disabilities who, without long-term support, are not likely to succeed in a regular job. (see CIE)
- SIS** **Supports Intensity Scale.** A standardized assessment of the type, frequency and intensity of services and supports needed by an individual receiving services. Used by the state to establish funding rates.
- SLC** **Supported Living Consultant.** An SLC assists individuals in getting their needs met through the Supported Living Services program.
- SLS** **Supported Living Services.** A waiver program that provides services and supports tailored to the needs of the individual living in his or her own home or family home.
- SPO** **Service Provider Organization.** Former designation for a PASA (see ASA)
- SSDI** **Social Security Disability Income.** Federal benefit program. Primary factor: disability and/or benefits received from deceased or disabled parent; benefit depends upon money contributed to the Social Security program either by the individual involved and/or the parent involved.
- SSI** **Supplemental Security Income.** Federal financial benefit program sponsored by the Social Security Administration; all children served through our CPA program must receive or be eligible for SSI.
- Service or Supports Broker** Position similar to an SLC in the Self-Determination program
- Situational Assessment** An assessment of a person’s skills, abilities and reactions to specific job tasks and vocational settings; requested/paid by DVR.
- Stanford-Binet** A type of intelligence test that pre-dates the WAIS; used for all age levels; no longer as widely used as the WAIS.
- Starnet** **Statewide Training and Resources Network** – A Colorado association of Human Resources professionals who work in developmental disabilities to share and standardize personnel training and other HR-related issues
- Starpoint** CCB for Fremont, Chaffee and Custer counties; formerly Developmental Opportunities (offices in Canon City and Lakewood).
- Survey** An audit of the quality of services provided by a service agency; may be performed by DDD’s PQ section, a CCB or Medicaid/HCPF. Surveys are usually based upon the state Regulations, using a list of Interpretative Guidelines. DDD conducts Residential surveys every two years, and

Day/Vocational every three years. CCBs generally conduct surveys during DDD's "off" years.

- TANF** **Temporary Aid to Needy Families.** The time-limited welfare assistance authorized in the Welfare Reform Act of 1996.
- TBI** **Traumatic Brain Injury.** An acquired injury to the brain caused by an external physical force resulting in total or partial functional impairment or psychosocial impairment, or both, that adversely affects a person's mental and/or physical performance.
- TCM** **Targeted Case Management.** Case management services which are provided as a Medicaid benefit for a specific target group of Medicaid recipients who have a developmental disability and who meet the program eligibility criteria.
- TD** **Tardive Dyskinesia.** Condition of automatic stereotypical movements that occur as an undesired effect of certain psychoactive drugs.
- TDD** **Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (also called TTY).** An electronic device which has a typewriter keyboard; it attaches to a telephone receiver and makes it possible to send written communications via regular phone lines.
- TASH** TASH (formerly The Association for the Severely Handicapped) is an international association of people with disabilities, their family members, other advocates, and professionals working for a society in which inclusion of all people in all aspects of society is the norm. www.tash.org
- Tier** Funding level within Medicaid, based upon a client's needs as established by a SIS assessment. Residential and Day/Vocational have seven tiers (the seventh is reserved for the state institutions); Transportation has two; Behavioral Therapy has three, based on the educational level of the therapist.
- TRE** **The Resource Exchange.** The CCB for El Paso, Park and Teller counties (office in Colorado Springs).
- Tourette Syndrome** A neurological disorder characterized by tics – involuntary, rapid, sudden movements or vocalizations that occur repeatedly in the same way.
- ULTC 100** Assessment process for many Medicaid funded programs.
- Units** In the Medicaid Comprehensive Services system, certain services are provided to clients and paid for based on discrete *units*, depending upon the type of service. The annual PAR enumerates the maximum number of units allowed.
Residential unit = one day
Transportation = one day's transportation to/from Day program or job site;
may be one way or round trip; only applicable to Comprehensive Day/Voc services; applies to base site and community settings
Day/Vocational = 15-minute blocks of direct services

Skilled Nursing = 15-minute blocks of direct services
Behavioral Therapy = 15-minute blocks of direct services

WAIS **Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale.** One of the most widely used intelligence tests; it reveals a Mental Age and an IQ score. Scores on subtests can be indicators of certain types of neurological or psychiatric disorders. Also: WISC (for children) and WPPSI (Primary and Pre-School)

WRRC **Wheat Ridge Regional Center (see RC/Regional Center)**

Waiver In the Medicaid system, a program which allows individuals who are entitled to institutional services (ICF/MR) to receive them in a community setting. CCLC operates within three waivers: Comprehensive (Residential, Day, Vocational), SLS/CES, and CHRP.

Community Centered Boards:

Arkansas Valley Community Center (Alliance)

La Junta
Crowley, Otero and western Bent Counties

Blue Peaks Developmental Services, Inc. (Alliance)

Alamosa
Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande and Saguache Counties

Colorado Blue Sky Enterprises, Inc. (Alliance)

Pueblo
Pueblo County

Community Connections, Inc. (Alliance)

Durango
Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan Counties

Community Options, Inc. (Alliance)

Montrose
Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray and San Miguel Counties

Denver Options, Inc. (CCB Partners)

Denver
Denver County

Developmental Disabilities Resource Center (Alliance)

Lakewood
Clear Creek, Gilpin, Jefferson and Summit Counties

Developmental Pathways, Inc. (CCB Partners)

Aurora
Arapahoe and Douglas Counties

Eastern Colorado Services for the Developmentally Disabled, Inc. (CCB Partners)

Sterling
Cheyenne, Elbert, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington and Yuma Counties

Envision (formerly Centennial Developmental Services, Inc.) (Alliance)

Evans (Greeley)
Weld County

Foothills Gateway, Inc. (Alliance)

Ft. Collins
Larimer County

Horizon Specialized Services, Inc. (Alliance)
Steamboat Springs
Grand, Jackson, Moffat, Rio Blanco and Routt Counties

Imagine! (formerly DDC) (Alliance)
Lafayette
Boulder and Broomfield Counties

Mesa Developmental Services, Inc. (Alliance)
Grand Junction
Mesa County

Mountain Valley Developmental Services, Inc. (Alliance)
Glenwood Springs
Eagle, Garfield, Lake and Pitkin Counties

North Metro Community Services, Inc. (CCB Partners)
Westminster
Adams County

Southeastern Developmental Services, Inc. (Alliance)
Lamar
Baca, eastern Bent, Kiowa and Prowers Counties

Southern Colorado Developmental Disabilities, Inc. (Alliance)
Trinidad
Huerfano and Las Animas Counties

Starpoint (formerly Developmental Opportunities) (Alliance)
Canon City
Chaffee, Custer and Fremont Counties

The Resource Exchange (CCB Partners)
Colorado Springs
El Paso, Park and Teller Counties