

## DCDEE Guide to Frequently Used Acronyms

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ACF	Administration for Children & Families (federal)
B-K	Birth to Kindergarten
BJST	Basic Job Skills Training
BSAC	Basic School Age Care training
CCDBG	Child Care & Development Block Grant
CCDF	Child Care & Development Fund (another name for CCDBG; same funding source)
CCHC	Child Care Health Consultants
CCR&R	Child Care Resource and Referral
CCRI	Child Care Resources, Inc.
CCSA	Child Care Services Association
CDA	Child Development Associate
CDSA	Children’s Developmental Services Agency
CELL	Center for Early Literacy Learning
CEU	Continuing Education Unit
CLASP	Center for Law and Social Policy
CLC	Collaborative Learning Community
CRC	Criminal Records Check
CSEFEL	Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning
DAP	Developmentally Appropriate Practice
DCDEE	Division of Child Development and Early Education (the Division)
DLA	Diversity and Leadership Alliance
DPI	Department of Public Instruction
DSS	Department of Social Services

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EBT	Electronic Benefits Transfer
ECAC	Early Childhood Advisory Committee
ECE	Early Childhood Education <i>or</i> Early Care and Education
ECERS-R	Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale – Revised
ECW	Early Childhood Workforce (DCD’s education database)
ED	Executive Director (of Smart Start partnerships)
EEC	Early Educator Certification
<b>EESLPD</b>	<b>Early Educator Support for Licensure and Professional Development</b>
ELG	Early Learning Guidelines
ERS	Environment Rating Scales
FCCERS-R	Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale – Revised
FCCH	Family Child Care Home
FPG	Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute (@ UNC)
FTE	Full Time Equivalent
HSB	Healthy Social Behaviors (project and specialists)
IACET	International Association for Continuing Education and Training
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEP	Individualized Education Plan
IFSP	Individualized Family Services Plan
IMIL	I Am Moving, I Am Learning
I/T	Infant Toddler
ITERS-R	Infant Toddler Environment Rating Scale – Revised
LEA	Local Education Agency <i>or</i> Local Education Authority
MAF <i>or</i> M@4	More at Four
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MOE	Maintenance of Effort

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MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NACCRRRA	National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies
NAEYC	National Association for the Education of Young Children
NCaeyc	North Carolina Association for the Education of Young Children
NCECA	North Carolina Early Childhood Association
NCCIC	National Child Care Information Center
NCCFTF	North Carolina Child Fatality Task Force
NCICC	North Carolina Interagency Coordinating Council
NCICDP	North Carolina Institute for Child Development Professionals (the Institute)
NCLCCA	North Carolina Licensed Child Care Association
NCPC	North Carolina Partnership for Children
NC Pre-K	North Carolina PreKindergarten Program
NCRLAP	North Carolina Rated License Assessment Project
NECTAC	National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center
NIEER	National Institute for Early Education Research
NIRN	National Implementation Research Network
NLI	Natural Learning Initiative
NPDCI	National Professional Development Center on Inclusion
OEL	Office of Early Learning (part of Department of Public Instruction)
OLE	Outdoor Learning Environments Alliance
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs (in the U.S. Department of Education)
PAT	Parents as Teachers
PBIS	Performance Based Incentive System (Smart Start)
PFI	Partnerships for Inclusion

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PITC	Program for Infant/Toddler Care (out of WestEd)
POD	Preventing Obesity by Design
POS	Point of Service device (machine used in SEEK system)
QEP	Quality Enhancement Project
QIP	Quality Improvement Project
QRIS	Quality Rating Improvement System
RFA	Request for Applications
RFI	Request for Information
RFP	Request for Proposals
RIL	Responsible Individuals List
S-A	School-Age
SACERS	School-Age Care Environment Rating Scale
SCC	Subsidized Child Care program
SEEK	Subsidized Early Education for Kids
SWCDC	Southwestern Child Development Commission
TA	Technical Assistance
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
T.E.A.C.H.®	Teacher Education and Compensation Helps (early childhood scholarships)
WAGE\$®	Child Care WAGE\$ project (education-based salary supplements)