



Texas School for the Blind & Visually Impaired

Outreach Programs

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List of Acronyms and Abbreviations

Federal and State Legislation:

- ADA- Americans with Disabilities Act
- ESSA - Elementary and Secondary Education Act
- FERPA - Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
- IDEA - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
- TEC - Texas Education Code

Educational:

- 504 - Section 504 Services (reasonable accommodations)
- ABA- Applied Behavior Analysis
- ARD - Admission Review and Dismissal (Texas term for meetings, committees, process)
- AT- Assistive Technology
- BIP- Behavior Intervention Plan
- CBA - Community Based Instruction
- CBVI - Community Based Vocational Instruction
- DHH- Deaf and/or Hard of Hearing
- ECC- Expanded Core Curriculum
- ECI - Early Childhood Education
- ECI- Early Childhood Intervention
- ECSE- Early Childhood Special Education
- ESY- Extended School Year
- FAPE- Free Appropriate Public Education
- FBA- Functional Behavioral Assessment
- FIE- Full and Individual Evaluation
- FVE- Functional Vision Evaluation
- IEP - Individual Education Plan (used in Special Education)
- IFSP - Individualized Family Service Plan (used in ECI Services)
- LEA - Local Education Agency (school districts)
- LEP - Limited English Proficiency
- LMA- Learning Media Assessment
- LRE- Least Restrictive Environment

- MIVI- Multiple Impairments Including Visual Impairment
- NCEC- Non-Categorical Early Childhood
- PLAAFP- Present Levels of Academic and Functional Performance
- RTI - Response to Intervention
- STAAR - State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness
- TEKS- Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills Curriculum

Organizations and Entities:

- AER - Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired
- AVIT- Alliance of and for Visually Impaired Texans
- CEC - Council for Exceptional Children

- Dbl - Deafblind International
- ERCOD- Educational Resource Center on Deafness
- ESC- Education Service Center
- HHSC - Health and Human Service Commission
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- HKNC- Helen Keller National Center
- LIDDA- Local Intellectual and Developmental Disability Authority
- NCDDB- National Center on Deaf-Blindness
- NDC- National Deaf Center
- OSEP- Office of Special Education Programs
- OTR - Outreach
- RDSPD- Regional Day School Program for the Deaf
- SBEC- State Board for Educator Certification
- TAER- Texas Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired
- TEA- Texas Education Agency
- TSBVI- Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired
- TSD- Texas School for the Deaf
- TWC or TWS - Texas Workforce Commission/Solutions
- TxSSN- Texas Sensory Support Network
- VR - Vocational Rehabilitation
 - BCVDDP - Blind children's vocational discovery and development program (aka Blind Children's Program), now housed at HHSC
 - CBA - Community-Based Alternatives
 - CLASS - Community Living Assistance & Support Services
 - DBMD - Deaf-Blind Multiple Disabilities Medicaid Waiver Program
 - HCS- Home and Community-Based Services
 - MDCP - Medically Dependent Children Program
 - SSLC - State Supported Living Centers
 - YES - Youth Empowerment Services

Family:

- ASTra - Advocacy, Support, and Training Program (TH&V program)
- DBMAT- Deaf-blind Multihandicapped Association of Texas
- GBYS - Guides by Your Side (TH&V program)
- NFADB – National Family Association for Deaf-Blind
- TAPVI- Texas Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments
- TH&V - Texas Hands & Voices
- TxP2P- Texas Parent to Parent

Professionals:

- APE- Adapted Physical Education
- AuD- Audiologist
- COMS - Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist
- LSSP- Licensed Specialist in School Psychology
- OT- Occupational Therapy/Therapist
- PT- Physical Therapy/Therapist
- SLP- Speech-Language Pathologist
- SSP- Support Service Provider
- TDB - Teacher of Students who are Deafblind
- TODHH - Teacher of Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- TVI/TSVI - Teacher of Students who are Visually Impaired

Disability Categories:

- AI - Auditory Impairment (Also DHH - Deaf/Hard of Hearing)
- AU/ASD- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- DB - Deafblind
- ED- Emotional Disturbance
- ID- Intellectual Disability (also known as IDD - intellectual developmental disability)
- MD- Multiple Disabilities
- OHI - Other Health Impairment
- OI- Orthopedic Impairment
- SI- Speech Impairment
- SLD- Specific Learning Disability
- TBI - Traumatic Brain Injury
- VI - Visual Impairment

Hearing, Hearing Technology, and Sign Language

- ALD- Assistive Listening Device
- ASL- American Sign Language
- BAHA- Bone Anchored Hearing Aid
- CART -Communication Access Real-time Transcription
- CASE- Conceptually Accurate Signed English
- CI- Cochlear Implant
- FM- Frequency Modulated Transmitter
- HAT- Hearing Assistive Technology
- PT- ProTactile
- SEE- Signed Exact English
- SimCom- Simultaneous Communication
- VRS- Video Relay Service

Vision, Vision Technology, Literacy

- CCTV -Closed Circuit Television
- CVI - Cortical Visual Impairment
- O.S. - Oculus Sinister/left eye
- O.U. - Oculus Uterque/both eyes
- OD - Oculus Dexter/right eye
- ONH - Optic Nerve Hypoplasia