

Frequently Used Abbreviations by The Trust and Partners

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ABADA: Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse – one of two state advisory boards charged with planning and coordinating behavioral health services funded by the State of Alaska. (See also AMHB)

ABIA: Asset Building Initiative of Alaska (see also IDA)

ACoA: Alaska Commission on Aging – a state advisory board charged with planning, advocacy, and interagency collaboration on issues and state and federal services affecting older Alaskans.

ACMHS: Anchorage Community Mental Health Services

ADA: Americans with Disabilities Act (use abbreviation only on second reference)

ADL: Activities of Daily Living. Activities that are performed daily in order to maintain independent living.

ADRD: Alzheimer’s disease and related dementia

AFN: Alaska Federation of Natives

AKAIMS: Alaska’s Automated Information Management System

ALSC: Alaska Legal Service Corporation

AMHB: Alaska Mental Health Board – one of two state advisory boards charged with planning and coordinating behavioral health services funded by the State of Alaska. (See also ABADA)

AMHTA: Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (The Trust in second reference)

ANMC: Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage

ANTHC: Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

AOA: Administration on Aging. Alaska is in Region Ten under the Older Americans Act.

APD: Medicaid Waiver program for adults with a physical disability (age 22 and older). Typical caps on Medicaid services are waived to provide services in a home/community-based setting to avoid institutional level of care placement and costs.

API: Alaska Psychiatric Institute, the state’s psychiatric facility

ABIN: Alaska Brain Injury Network - a non-profit advocacy, education, and resource navigation agency for the survivors of traumatic brain injury and their families.

B-C-D

BTKH: Bring the Kids Home Focus Area of The Trust and DHSS – Bring the Kids Home: Increasing treatment for and bringing home to Alaska children with emotional disturbances being treated at out-of-state institutions.

CM: Case Management

CCMC: Medicaid waiver program for children with Complex Medical Conditions.

Typical caps on Medicaid services are waived to provide services in a home/community-based setting to avoid institutional level of care placement and costs.

Chore: A service that assists elders and people with disabilities with housekeeping.

CIMHP: Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Plan. A plan developed by The Trust and several of its partners to help focus The Trust’s efforts in improving the lives of Trust beneficiaries.

CIHA: Cook Inlet Housing Authority – a non-profit housing organization; affiliated with Native regional corporation CIRI (Cook Inlet Region Inc.)

CITC: Cook Inlet Tribal Council – a social service provider for Native Alaskans in Southcentral Alaska

DD: Developmental Disabilities - a broad range of cognitive and physical disability conditions that occur before the age of 22 and results in limitations in three or more major life functioning areas.

DD waiver: Medicaid Waiver program for individuals with developmental disabilities.

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DHHS: Department of Health and Human Services (Municipality of Anchorage and federal)

DHSS: Department of Health and Social Services (Alaska)

DLC: Disability Law Center

DSDS: Division of Senior and Disability Services (a division of DHSS)

DBH: Division of Behavioral Health (a division of DHSS)

DPA: Division of Public Assistance (a division of DHSS)

DPH: Division of Public Health (a division of DHSS)

DVR: Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (a division of Department of Labor)

E-F-G

ED: Executive Director

GCDSE: Governor’s Council on Disability and Special Education (A Trust advisory board)

FAS/FAS-D: Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

FMAP: Federal Medicaid Allocation Percentage (federal Medicaid match rate)

FNA: Fairbanks Native Association

GESC: Grant Evaluation Sub Committee – a subcommittee of The Trust’s Data and Outcomes Committee

GF: General Fund from the Alaska State Legislature

GF/MH: State general funds included in the mental health budget bill with recommendations from the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority and planning partners.

H-I-J-K-L

HUD: Federal Housing and Urban Development agency (housing programs for seniors “202” and chronically mentally ill “811”)

IEP: Individual education plan for students experiencing severe emotional disturbances

IDA: Individual Development Accounts

ILC: Independent Living Centers (one in each catchments area based on the Rehabilitation act requirements) See also SILC.

ISER: Institute for Social and Economic Research at the University of Alaska Anchorage

JYS: Juneau Youth Services.

KIC: Ketchikan Indian Corporation

LTCO: Long Term Care Ombudsman

M-N-O

MH: Mental Health

MHTAAR: Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized Receipts. Trust funds that are administered by the state and allocated through the state Legislative budget process.

NASHIA: National Association of State Head Injury Administrators.

NTS: Nutrition, Transportation and Support Services grants under Title III of the federal Older Americans Act funding.

OA: Medicaid ‘waiver’ program for Older Alaskans. Typical caps on Medicaid services are waived to provide services in a home/community-based setting to avoid institutional level of care placement and costs.

OAA: Older Americans Act

OISPP: Outcomes Identification and Systems Performance Project - a collaboration between the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority and the DHSS Division of Behavioral Health that guides policy development and decision making in improving the behavioral health of Alaskans.

P-Q-R-S

PASS: Plan to Achieve Self Sufficiency (a plan under Social Security for people going to work)

PCA: Personal Care Assistance. A service under the Division of Senior & Disability Services.

PCAT: Personal Care Assistance Assessment Tool

RF: Rasmuson Foundation, an Alaska philanthropic organization

RPTC: Residential Psychiatric Treatment Center

SCF: Southcentral Foundation - a Southcentral Alaska Native health corporation

SCHIP: (S-Chip) Program: State Children’s Health Insurance Program

SED: Severely Emotionally Disturbed - children diagnosed with SED have serious functional impairment in one or more areas of social functioning, including family, school or community.

SILC: (Pronounced “silk”) State Independent Living Council (See also ILCs)

SMI: Serious Mental Illness - a diagnosable psychiatric disorder resulting in impairment, disability or disadvantage.

SSA: Social Security Administration

SSI: Social Security Insurance

SSDI: Social Security Disability Insurance

T-U-V-W

TBI: Traumatic Brain Injury (Also see ABIN)

TCC: Tanana Chiefs Conference – an Interior Alaska social service provider

USDA: U.S. Department of Agriculture (Rural services section – housing and capital funding. Program with subsidized rent in units = “515”)

WHCOA: White House Conference on Aging

WICHE: Western Interstate Council for Higher Education (pronounced “witchy”)

X-Y-Z

YKHC: Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation - a Western Alaska Native health corporation