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Acronym	Term
4K/5K	4-Year-Old Kindergarten, 5-Year-Old Kindergarten
4KCA	4-Year-Old Kindergarten Community Approach (public preschool)
AAP	American Academy of Pediatrics
ACA	American Camp Association
ACCESS	Access to Eligibility Support Services
ACCT	Assistant Child Care Teacher Skills Certificate Program / WI Department of Public Instruction
ACF	Administration for Children and Families / U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
AFSCME	American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees
AHT	Abusive Head Trauma
AMS	American Montessori Society
ARPA	American Rescue Plan Act
ASPHN	Association of State Public Health Nutritionists
ASQ-3	Ages & Stages Questionnaires, Third Edition
ASQ:SE-2	Ages & Stages Questionnaires: Social-Emotional, Second Edition
ASQ SEAM	Social Emotional Assessment/Evaluation Measure
AUTH	Authorization
B-3 Program	Birth to 3 Program / WI Department of Health Services
BA	Before and After School
BAS	Business Administration Scale for Family Child Care
BCCSA	Bureau of Child Care Subsidy Administration / WI Department of Children and Families
BCDI	Black Child Development Institute
BECR	Bureau of Early Care Regulation / WI Department of Children and Families
BOP	Bureau of Operations and Planning / WI Department of Children and Families
BOY	Bureau of YoungStar / WI Department of Children and Families
BRO	Bureau of Regional Operations / WI Department of Children and Families
CACFP	Child and Adult Care Food Program / U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, WI Department of Public Instruction
CAN	Child Abuse and Neglect
CANPB	Wisconsin Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board
CARES	Client Assistance for Re-Employment and Economic Support
CASEL	Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning
CBU	Child Care Background Unit / WI Department of Children and Families
CC	Child Care
CCAC	Child Care Advisory Committee
CCC	Child Care Counts: COVID-19 Response and Relief Program
CCDBG	Child Care and Development Block Grant / U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
CCDF	Child Care and Development Fund / U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
CCF	Child Care Finder (child care public search site) – OR – Celebrate Children Foundation
CCHC	Child Care Health Consultant
CCIC	Child Care Information Center
CCPC	Child Care Program Committee
CCPP	Child Care Provider Portal
CCR&R	Child Care Resource and Referral
CDA	Child Development Associate Credential
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention / U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
CECMHC	Center for Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation
CEHN	Children’s Environmental Health Network
CESA	Cooperative Educational Service Agency
CETE	Children’s Empowerment Through Education
CFOC4	<i>Caring for Our Children: National Health and Safety Performance Standards; Guidelines for Early Care and Education Programs, Fourth Edition</i>
CHILD	Climate of Healthy Interactions for Learning & Development
CHW	Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin
CLASS	Classroom Assessment Scoring System
CMS	YoungStar Case Management System
COA	Council on Accreditation

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CoP	Community of Practice
CPL	Credit for Prior Learning
CPS	Child Protective Services
CPSC	U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
CRRSAA	Coronavirus Response & Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act
CSAW	Child Care Statewide Administration on the Web – Authorization
CSCCE	Center for the Study of Child Care Employment / University of California, Berkeley
CSEFEL	Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning
CWW	CARES Worker Web – Eligibility
CYSHCN	Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program / WI Department of Health Services
DAE	Developmentally Appropriate Environments
DAP	Developmentally Appropriate Practices
DATCP	Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
DCF	Wisconsin Department of Children and Families
DEC	Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children
DECE	Division of Early Care and Education / WI Department of Children and Families
DHHS	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
DHS	Wisconsin Department of Health Services
DLL	Dual Language Learner
DNR	Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
DPH	Division of Public Health / WI Department of Health Services
DPI	Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
DRW	Disability Rights Wisconsin
DSPS DIS	Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services, Division of Industry Services
E-ELD Standards	Early English Language Development Standards / World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA)
EBT	Electronic Benefit Transfer
ECAC	Governor’s Early Childhood Advisory Council
ECE	Early Care and Education
ECEC	Early Childhood Education and Care
ECERS-R	Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale, Revised Edition
ECERS-3	Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale, Third Edition
ECIDS	Early Childhood Integrated Data System
ECLKC	Early Childhood Learning & Knowledge Center / U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
ECS	Early Childhood Systems / Maternal and Child Health Program / WI Department of Health Services
ECSE	Early Childhood Special Education
ECTA Center	Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center
ECTTAS	Early Childhood Training and Technical Assistance System / U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
EDLLI	Early Dual Language Learner Initiative
EEK!	Environmental Education for Kids
EFT	Electronic Funds Transfer
EHS	Early Head Start
ELL	Early Learning Leaders (accrediting body formerly called NAC)
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
EMLSS	Equitable Multi-Level Systems of Supports
ERS	Environment Rating Scale (ECERS, ITERS, FCCERS, and SACERS in various editions)
ESL	English as a Second Language
ESSA	Every Student Succeeds Act
FAQ	Frequently Asked Questions
FAST	Families and Schools Together
FCC	Family Child Care
FCCERS-R	Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale, Revised Edition
FCCERS-3	Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale, Third Edition
FEIN (or EIN)	Federal Employer Identification Number
FFHV	Family Foundations Home Visiting Program / WI Department of Children and Families
FIS	Fidelity National Information Services

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Forces 4 4	Forces for Fours (WI Forces for Four-Year-Olds)
FPL	Federal Poverty Level
FR	Formal Rating with Observation (in YoungStar)
FRC	Family Resource Center
GCC	Group Child Care
GLITC	Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council
Go NAPSACC	Go Nutrition and Physical Activity Self-Assessment for Child Care
HCCA	Healthy Child Care America
HFA	Healthy Families America
HIPPY	Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters
HOT	Higher Order Thinking
HRSA	Health Resources & Services Administration / U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
HS	Head Start
HSSCO	Head Start State Collaboration Office
HV	Home Visiting
iChildCare	iChildCare Portal (to manage online one's individual eligibility to reside and work in a WI child care setting)
ICP	Inclusive Classroom Profile
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act - 2004
IECMHC	Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation
IEP	Individualized Education Program
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan
IHE	Institution of Higher Education
IM Agency	Income Maintenance Agency
IMIL	I Am Moving I Am Learning
IPW	Interagency PDG Workgroup
IRP	Institute for Research on Poverty / University of Wisconsin-Madison
IT	Infant/Toddler – OR – Information Technology
ITERS-R	Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale, Revised Edition
ITERS-3	Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale, Third Edition
LCEY	Leadership Council on Early Years
LCMP	Licensed Camp
LEA	Local Educational Agency (Public School District)
LFAM	Licensed Family Child Care Provider
LGRP	Licensed Group Child Care Provider
LIFT	Longitudinal Information for Family Touchpoints
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
MCH	Maternal and Child Health Program / WI Department of Health Services
MECA	Milwaukee Early Care Administration / WI Department of Children and Families
MG	Micro-Grant
MIECHV	Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program / U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
MILES	Milwaukee Enrollment Services
MLSS	Multi-Level Systems of Supports
MyWICChildCare	MyWICChildCare Parent Portal (online access to WI's child care subsidy electronic benefit system for families)
NAA	National Afterschool Association
NAC	National Accreditation Commission (now called Early Learning Leaders)
NACCRA	National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (now called Child Care Aware of America)
NAEYC	National Association for the Education of Young Children
NAFCC	National Association for Family Child Care
NCPMI	National Center for Pyramid Model Innovations
NECPA	National Early Childhood Program Accreditation
NFP	Nurse Family Partnership
NHSA	National Head Start Association
NICHHD	National Institute of Child Health and Human Development / U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
NIEER	National Institute for Early Education Research
NIOST	National Institute on Out-of-School Time

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NPPS	National Program for Playground Safety
NRC	National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education
OCC	Office of Child Care / U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
OCMH	Wisconsin Office of Children's Mental Health
OECI	Milwaukee Office of Early Childhood Initiatives
OEL	Office of Early Learning / WI Department of Public Instruction
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs / U.S. Dept. of Education
OSNAP	Out of School Nutrition and Physical Activity Initiative and Self-Assessment
OST	Out-of-School Time
PAS	Program Administration Scale
PASE	Partnership for After School Education
PAT	Parents as Teachers
PBC	Practice-Based Coaching
PBIS	Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports
PDASystem	Professional Development Approval System – Wisconsin Registry
PDG B-5	Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five
PEC	Promoting Early Childhood Conference / WI Department of Public Instruction
PEDS	Parents' Evaluation of Developmental Status
PI	Program Integrity
PIWI	Parents Interacting with Infants
PLT	Project Learning Tree
PPE	Program Performance Evaluation Plan – OR – Personal Protective Equipment
PRC	PDG Research Council
PROV	Provisionally Certified Provider
PST	Program Support Teacher
QI	Quality Improvement – OR – Quality Indicators
QIP	Quality Improvement Plan
QIS	Quality Improvement System – OR – Quality Indicator System
QRIS	Quality Rating and Improvement System
QRS	Quality Rating System
The Registry	Former name of the Wisconsin Registry
REWARD	REWARD Wisconsin Stipend Program (Rewarding Education with Wages and Respect for Dedication)
ROR WI	Reach Out and Read Wisconsin
RSN	Regional Service Network
RTTT (or RTT)	Race to the Top / U.S. Department of Education (K-12)
RTTT-ELC (or RTT-ELC)	Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge / U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services, U.S. Dept. of Education
SA	School-Age – OR – Self-Assessment
SACC	School-Age Child Care
SACERS-U	School-Age Care Environment Rating Scale, Updated Edition
SACF	School-Age Curricular Framework
SBS	Shaken Baby Syndrome
SDA	Service Delivery Area
SEFEL	Social Emotional Foundations for Early Learning
SF	Strengthening Families
SFTA	Supporting Families Together Association
SIDS	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
SISO	Sign In/Sign Out Attendance Sheet
SMI	State Median Income
SSN	Social Security Number
T-TAP	Training and Technical Assistance Professional
TA	Technical Assistance
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (block grant) / U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
TC	Technical Consultant
T.E.A.C.H.	T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Wisconsin Scholarship Program (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps)

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TIC	Trauma-Informed Care
TR	Technical Rating (in YoungStar)
TTA	Training and Technical Assistance
UMOS	United Migrant Opportunity Service
UNITES	Wisconsin UNITES: Understanding the Need for Inclusive Training and Education Support
USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture
UW	University of Wisconsin System (13 universities across 26 campuses and a statewide extension network)
UWEX	University of Wisconsin Extended Campus (UWEX and UW-Madison Division of Extension were formerly combined as UW-Extension)
W-2	Wisconsin Works
WAICU	Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities
WAN	Wisconsin Afterschool Network
WCCAA	Wisconsin Child Care Administrators Association
WCEE	Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education, UW - Stevens Point
WCWPDS	Wisconsin Child Welfare Professional Development System
WECA	Wisconsin Early Childhood Association
WECCP	Wisconsin Early Childhood Collaborating Partners
WEESN	Wisconsin Early Education Shared Services Network
WFCCA	Wisconsin Family Child Care Association
WHEDA	Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority
WHSA	Wisconsin Head Start Association
WI-AIMH	Wisconsin Alliance for Infant Mental Health
WI FACETS	Wisconsin Family Assistance Center for Education, Training & Support
WI Registry	Agency that verifies training and credit-based instruction completed by individuals in the child care workforce
WI Shares	Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy Program
WIDA	World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment / WI Center for Education Research / UW - Madison
WiNACC	Wisconsin Nature Action Collaborative for Children
WIR	Wisconsin Immunization Registry
WISCCRS	Wisconsin Child Care Regulatory System
WITCCA	Wisconsin Inter-Tribal Child Care Association
WITPP	Wisconsin Infant Toddler Policy Project
WMELS	Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards
WSBDC	Wisconsin Small Business Development Center
WSPEI	Wisconsin Statewide Parent-Educator Initiative
WTCS	Wisconsin Technical College System
WWBIC	Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation
Y-PQA	Youth Program Quality Assessment
YS	YoungStar, Wisconsin's Child Care Quality Rating and Improvement System

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