

**Glossary of Terms Applicable to Students Age 14 and Up and Their Families
(in some limited instances specific to Jefferson County)**

ABS—Adaptive Behavior Scale—Psychological measurement for evaluating daily functioning. Often used in determining developmental disability status when students have IQ in the 60s and 70s

ADA—Americans with Disabilities Act (1990) —This civil rights law makes it unlawful to discriminate in private sector employment against a qualified individual with a disability. The ADA also outlaws discrimination against individuals with disabilities in state and local government services, employment, public accommodations, transportation and telecommunications

AND—Aid to Needy and Disabled. A Social Security program that will get cash to a person while he/she is awaiting the eligibility determination for Social Security. The funds must be paid back once the person is receiving social security checks

APSE—Association for Persons in Supported Employment—a national organization
www.apse.org

(The) Arc in Jefferson County—An agency which collaboratively provides leadership in addressing choices and needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families living in Jefferson, Clear Creek and Gilpin counties www.arcjc.org

ARS—Adult Residential Services

ASA—Approved Service Agency (or SPO) Service Provider Organization

Asset Level—The amount that an individual can have, but not exceed, in assets to be eligible for SSI/Medicaid (\$2,000)

AVS—Adult Vocational Services of the Developmental Disabilities Resource Center

AT—Assistive Technology—These are devices used by people with disabilities to compensate for functional limitations and to enhance and increase learning, independence, mobility, communication, environmental control and choice

ATS—Assistive Technology Services

Authorized Representative—An individual designated by a person receiving services within the DDS/Office of Rehabilitation and Disabilities (or by the parent or guardian of that person) to assist the person to receive services in acquiring or using services or supports. Made possible through CRS 27-10.5-102

Brain Injury Waiver—A Medicaid waiver program which funds services and supports with those with traumatic brain injuries

Bruno Vocational Center—This is a work site offered by DDRC at 140 S. Union St., Lakewood

CACCB—Colorado Assoc. of Community Centered Boards—membership organization composed of 20 Community Centered Boards (CCB) in Colorado www.caccb.org

CAMI—Colorado Alliance for the Mentally Ill

CANPO—Colorado Assoc. of Nonprofit Organizations—membership organization whose purpose is to promote and strengthen Colorado’s non-profit community www.canpo.org

CAPRA—Colorado Association of Private Residential Agencies

CARF—Commission of Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities—National commission established standards of quality for services to people with disabilities www.carf.org

C TASH—Colorado Chapter of TASH—promotes equity, diversity, social justice and inclusion

Case Manager—see below CM/RC

CCB—Community Centered Board—a non-profit organization created by Colorado statute to determine eligibility of individuals with developmental disabilities within a specific geographical district and develop a plan of services and supports. CCBs are authorized to provide services directly or to purchase services from approved services agencies (ASA/SPO)

CDE—Colorado Department of Education

CDHS—Colorado Department of Human Services—over the Office of Rehabilitation and Disabilities

CES—Children’s Extensive Services—Medicaid waiver program designed for children with exceptional needs

CFS—Children and Family Services—available through the local community centered board

CFS—also stands for Coloradans for Family Support—grassroots organization supporting families of children with challenging needs

CIE—Community Integrated Employment

CLR—Comprehensive Life Review

CM or RC—Case Manager/ Resource Coordinator—Services from the CCB include Individual Plan (IP) development, advocacy and referral

Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services—A state agency that provides services to eligible individuals with disabilities. Also known as VR, Voc Rehab

Conservator—Legal term for a person who has access to and control over one’s finances

CP—Community Participation—Terminology used when identifying services and supports that will help include a person with disabilities into community activities, connections and social opportunities

CRS 27-10.5—Colorado Revised Statute authorizing services for persons with developmental disabilities

DD—Developmental Disabilities

DD Council—A council appointed by the Governor whose goal is to advocate and foster public awareness of problems and issues facing persons with developmental disabilities

DDRC—Developmental Disabilities Resource Center—CCB serving Jefferson, Clear Creek, Summit and Gilpin counties. Other CCBs names in metro area are Denver Options, Developmental Pathways (Douglas and Arapahoe), North Metro, etc.

DDD Division of Developmental Disabilities —Section within Department of Human Services responsible for the administration of state operated services and funding for people with developmentally disabilities for the State of Colorado. The agency oversees services of the CCBs

DHS—Department of Human Services—formerly referred to as Dept. of Social Services

Due Process—procedures which guarantee an individual's right to disagree, refuse, change or permit services

DVR—Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

EBD—Elderly Blind and Disabled

EBD Waiver—A waiver program under Medicaid to provide eligible blind, elderly or disabled persons a community alternative to nursing home care. Age 18 and older

Eligibility date—A term referred to by the CCB system as to when all the paperwork has been submitted that determines that an individual has a developmental disability

Employment Consultant—An individual with job development and training skills having primary responsibility for planning and/or providing job training and on going support services

Enrollment—The completion of the application and actual entry into or receipt of support services

Estate Planning—Process of creating and preserving property during a person's own lifetime and arranging for the transfer of property upon death. Planning of investments, taxes and trusts that will not sacrifice family security or federal benefits

Families and Allies Working Together—A community organization working to create safe and secure futures with individuals who have disabilities so they can make a good life

FSC—Family Support Council—Local group of people with CCB charged with providing guidance and direction to the CCB for the implementation of the Family Support Services Program

FSSP—Family Support Services Program—designed to offer supportive services for families who have a family member with special needs living within the family home. If over 18, the individual cannot be enrolled in any Medicaid waiver programs

GAP—Graduate Activities Program—**DDRC** Services for adults with disabilities emphasizing maintenance of skills, recreation, leisure and socialization. Accepts SLS, EBD or private funds

GRSS—Group Residential Services and Supports—24 hour services in residential settings ranging from 4-8 beds

Guardian—In the state of Colorado when an individual turns 18, he/she is considered his/her own guardian unless it has been determined by the county court system that the person is unable to make decisions and a guardian, typically a family member, is appointed

HCA—Home Care Allowance—A program offered by Jeffco Human Services that provides financial support for services for people with disabilities

HCBD—Home and Community Based Programs for the Developmentally Disabled—Residential, transportation and day programs funded through a combination of state and local dollars

HCBS—Home and Community Based Services—Waiver program to provide Medicaid benefits in the home or community to persons with disabilities

HCFA—Health Care Financing Administration—part of the federal government. Now known as CMS: Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services

HCPF—Health Care Policy and Financing—state department responsible for Medicaid funding

HERO Alliance—Home Ownership Education and Resource Opportunities—a statewide collaborative effort of funders, service agencies and government entities focused on providing opportunities for people with disabilities to purchase homes of their own in Colorado

HRC—**Human Rights Committee**—a third-party mechanism to safeguard the legal rights of persons receiving services

HUD—Housing and Urban Development—federal agency that provides Section 8 housing or rental assistance

ICF/MR; ICF/DD—Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded/Developmental Disabilities—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 or custodial need

IDEA—Individuals with Disabilities Education Act—the federal law, reauthorized by Congress in 1997 with amendments that entitles children with disabilities to early childhood services, special education and related services based upon their individual needs. It is up for re-authorization in 2002. Currently is funded at only 30%

IDT—**Interdisciplinary Team**—Team of people who develop IP, Individual Plan, including the consumer and his/her family or invitees

Independent Living—A person with disabilities living by him/her self with limited assistance from others

Individualized Plan /IP—A written plan designed to identify the total needs of a person receiving services and the services required to meet those needs

Informed Consent—A decision based on knowledge of the advantages and disadvantages and implications of choosing a particular course of action

IRSS—Individual Residential Services and Supports—a variety of living arrangements designed to meet unique needs of a person and with no more than 2 persons receiving services in that setting

IRWE—Federal Impairment Related Work Expenses—Term used by Social Security in association with determining a person's social security benefits and payments. It is the cost of items or supports an individual may need in order to be able to work

ISP—Individual Service/Support Plan used by SLS

ITP—Individual Transition Plan. Part of IEP at age 16, although a transition statement can be included as early as age 14. Addresses Transition Services. (See below)

JBC—Joint Budget Committee—Committee of state legislature responsible for the setting of the state budget for expenditure of funds

JCHS—Jefferson County Department of Health—Agency offers health screening and supports

JCMH—Jefferson Center for Mental Health—Counseling. www.jeffersonmentalhealth.org

Job Coach—A person who assists people in integrated employment situations

JTS—Jeffco Transition Services—designed to support students ages 18-21. Attention is devoted to design of training programs so work, recreation, independent living skills and social inclusion are viable options for students with disabilities as they transition to adult life

Long Term Care—Care given at home or in facility for people with chronic disabilities or lengthy illnesses

Medicaid—A funding source authorized under Title 19 of the Social Security Act. Administered by the state. Funded by both federal and state money.

MI waiver—A waiver program under Medicaid to provide persons with major mental illness a community alternative to nursing facility care. Age 18 and up. Same for person's with traumatic brain injury (TBI). These conditions may be in combination with developmental disabilities

Natural Supports—Supports and resources provided in the community by family, friends, neighbors and others who are not paid to provide such supports

NOVA—New Opportunities that bring Valuable Alternatives—A parent funded DDRC program to help higher functioning, but isolated individuals with disabilities develop better connections to their community

OLTC—Options for Long Term Care—A Medicaid term

P&A—Protection and Advocacy—The Legal Center for Person with Disabilities and Older People is a P&A agency

PAL—Personal Affordable Living, Inc.—This organization owns condos and townhouses that rent at affordable prices to adults with developmental disabilities who want to live independently

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

Person Centered Planning—Services and supports designed specifically around the individual's needs and requests and based on what the individual already has in place that is successful

Personal Futures Plan—A plan that focuses on the dreams and desires of an individual and the quality of the person's life

Pickle Amendment—Part of the Social Security Act Allows recipients to work and still maintain Medicaid if to cost of living increases in Social Security have put them over the financial limit

P.L. —Public Law

POA—Power of Attorney—A legal document that allows an individual to act in behalf of another when that person is unavailable

Program Manager—An employee who is responsible for overseeing a designated program.

Quality of Life—The assessment of an individual's meaningful relationships and activities from the person's point of view

RAC—Resource Allocation Committee of the SLS and CES program. DDRC committee that determines the level of resources a particular plan requires

Re-determinations—Typically, the term used when the federal government is requiring paper work from those receiving SSI in order to determine those individuals still eligible for benefits, or the state/county department reviewing eligibility for Medicaid

Resource Coordinator—See CM definition

Rep Payee—Representative Payee is a Social Security term. The payee is authorized to cash and manage public assistance checks for a person deemed incapable of doing so

RFP—Request for Proposal—process used to locate services for consumers

Rise Above—A recreation program designed for people with special needs operated through the Lakewood Recreation Department

RPC—Referral and Placement Committee—makes referral and placement recommendations for CCB consumers. Consumers and their designees are invited to attend

SE—Supported Employment

Self determination—Activities that promote or allow for consumer choice and the ability of a consumer or family to use principles of freedom, authority, support and responsibility

SEP—Single Entry Point for Social Services and Medicaid programs—an agency that forms a geographically based system for accessing publicly funded long-term care services. SEP agencies are also called “Options for Long Term Care.” In Jefferson County it is the Jefferson County Department of Human Services

SGA—Substantial Gainful Activity—In order to be considered disabled under the law, SSA decides whether one’s medical condition prevents a person from substantial gainful activity. Limits amounts a person can make year to year. New limits are set January of each year.(\$740 for 2001)

SLC—Supported Living Consultant—Assists individuals getting their needs through the SLS program of CCBs. Can be a staff person or a parents or family member

SLS—Supported Living Services—Both state and Medicaid waiver funded program that provides supports to an individual in the family home and can also provide opportunities for adults to move into their own homes

SSDI—Social Security Disability Income—Federal benefits program sponsored by the Social Security Administration. Prime 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 parent involved

SSI—Supplemental Security Income—A federal financial benefit program sponsored by the Social Security Administration

SWAP—School to Work Alliance Project, a school district-voc rehab joint operation

Supported Employment—Paid employment for adults with developmental disabilities who, without long-term support, are not likely to succeed in regular jobs

TA—Technical Assistance

TASH—An international association of people with disabilities, their families, other advocates and professionals working for a society in which inclusion for all people in all aspects of society is the norm

Team Meeting—A meeting that includes persons working with or having an interest in an individual’s services and supports

300% rule—A requirement that individuals cannot have assets over 300% of the maximum allowable for SSI payments and still be eligible for Medicaid funding

Transition Services as it relates to the IEP—activities include post-secondary education, vocational training, integrated employment, continuing adult education, adult services, independent living and/or community participation

