

Acronyms used by Vocational Rehabilitation and Blind Services

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ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
API	Acquisition Planning and Implementation
ARM	Administrative Rules of Montana
ARPA	American Recue Plan Act
ASPIRE	Advancing State Policy Integration for Recovery and Employment
AT	Assistive Technology
BEP	Business Enterprise Program
BFSD	Business Financial Services Division (fiscal)
BHAC	Behavioral Health Advisory Council
BIAM	Brain Injury Association of Montana
BLVS	Blind and Low Vision Services
CANAR	Consortia of Administrators for Native American Rehabilitation
CAP	Client Assistance Program
CARF	Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities
CCIR	Career Counseling Information and Referral
CIL	Center for Independent Living <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ability Montana/Montana Independent Living Program MiLP (CIL in Helena)• Living Independently for Today & Tomorrow LIFTT (CIL in Billings)• North Central Independent Living Services NCILS (CIL in Great Falls)• Summit Independent Living (CIL in Missoula)
COLA	Cost of Living Adjustment
CRC	Certified Rehabilitation Counselor
CRP	Community Rehabilitation Program
CoP	Community of Practice
CSAVR	Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation
CSNA	Comprehensive Statewide Needs Assessment
CSPD	Comprehensive System of Personnel Development
DDP	Developmental Disabilities Program
DDS	Disability Determination Services
DEI&A	Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility
DETD	Disability Employment and Transitions Division
DLO	Disability Level/Order of Selection Priority
DPHHS	Department of Public Health and Human Services
DRM	Disability Rights Montana (“home” of the Client Assistance Program)
DSE	Designated State Entity (used for IL)
DSU	Designated State Unit
EE	Extended Employment
EPP	Executive Planning Process (to build the Governor’s budget)
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996

IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEP	Individualized Education Program (used in schools)
IL	Independent Living
IPS	Individual Placement and Supports
IPE	Individualized Plan for Employment (used in VRBS)
IRWE	Impairment Related Work Expenses (Social Security)
JAN	Job Accommodation Network
JSA	Job Search Assistance
JRT	Job Readiness Training
Madison	VRBS new case management system
MAB	Montana Association for the Blind
MAD	Montana Association of the Deaf
MAR	Montana Association for Rehabilitation
MBEI	Montana Business Enterprises, Inc. (BEP nominee agency)
MCA	Montana Codes Annotated
MCDD	Montana Council on Developmental Disabilities
MEC	Montana Empowerment Center, Inc. (Parent Training & Information Center)
MonTECH	Montana Technology Program
MSDB	Montana School for the Deaf and Blind
MTAP	Montana Telecommunication Access Program
MYLF	Montana Youth Leadership Forum
NAMI	National Association for Mentally Ill
NCSAB	National Council of State Agencies for the Blind
NCSRC	National Coalition of State Rehabilitation Councils
NFB	National Federation of the Blind
OBP	Older Blind Program
OBPP	Office of Budget & Program Planning
ODEP	Office of Disability Employment Policy
OJS	On the Job Supports
OJT	On the Job Training
O&M	Orientation & Mobility (navigation & cane training for those with visual impairment or blindness)
OOS	Order of Selection
OPI	Office of Public Instruction
OSERS	Office of Special Education & Rehabilitation Services
PASS	Plan for Achieving Self Sufficiency (Social Security)
Pre-ETS	Pre-Employment Transition Services
PTI	Parent Training and Information Center
RFP	Request for Proposals
RSA	Rehabilitation Services Administration (our federal partner)
SARA	Semi Automated Research Assistant
SE	Supported Employment
Section 110	Major funding source for VRBS (federal funds)
Section 121	Native American VR Projects (funded directly by feds)
Section 511	Limitation on Use of Subminimum Wage

SILC	Statewide Independent Living Council
SOP	Summer Orientation Program (sponsored by MAB to provide independent living training for those who recently became blind or significant visually impaired)
SPIL	State Plan for Independent Living
SRC	State Rehabilitation Council
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSDI	Social Security Disability Insurance
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
SVES	State Verification Exchange System
SWIB	State Workforce Innovation Board
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
TTY/TDD	Text Telephone or Telephone Device for the Deaf
TTW	Ticket to Work
VRC	Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor
VRBS	Vocational Rehabilitation and Blind Services (this is our program)
VRT	Vision Rehabilitation Therapist
WIA	Workforce Investment Act (replaced by WIOA in 2014)
WIOA	Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (passed in 2014)