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<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Term</b>
4K/5K	4-Year-Old Kindergarten, 5-Year-Old Kindergarten
AAP	American Academy of Pediatrics
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
ASQ-3	Ages & Stages Questionnaires, Third Edition
ASQ-SEAM	Social Emotional Assessment/Evaluation Measure
ACA	American Camp Association
ASQ:SE	Ages & Stages Questionnaires: Social-Emotional
AUTH	Authorization
BA	Before and After School
BAS	Business Administration Scale for Family Child Care
BECR	Bureau of Early Care Regulation / WI Department of Children and Families
BELP	Bureau of Early Learning and Policy / WI Department of Children and Families
BOP	Bureau of Operations and Planning / WI Department of Children and Families
BPI	Bureau of Program Integrity / WI Department of Children and Families
B-3 Program	Birth to 3 Program / WI Department of Health Services
CACFP	Child and Adult Care Food Program (U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, administered by DPI)
CANP	Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention
CARES	Client Assistance for Re-Employment and Economic Support
CASEL	Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning
CC	Child Care
CCB	Child Care Bureau / U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
CCBC	Cooperative Children's Book Center, UW-Madison School of Education
CCSIG	Community Child Care Initiatives Grants (also known as "Pass-Through")
CCDF	Child Care and Development Fund (child care block grant / U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services)
CCF	Celebrate Children Foundation
CCIC	Child Care Information Center
CCPC	Child Care Provider Certification System
CCPI	Child Care Provider Information (Web access for providers)
CCR&R	Child Care Resource and Referral
CCSS	Common Core State Standards (in mathematics and English language arts/literacy, for grades K-12)
CCTAN	Child Care Technical Assistance Network / U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
CCW	Center for the Child Care Workforce
CDA	Child Development Associate Credential
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention / U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
CESA	Cooperative Educational Service Agency
CFOC3	<i>Caring for Our Children: National Health and Safety Performance Standards; Guidelines for Early Care and Education Programs, 3rd Edition</i>
CLIC	Children's Licensing Information Computer System
COA	Council on Accreditation
CPS	Child Protective Services
CREATE	Culturally Responsive Education for All: Training and Enhancement (Culturally Responsive Early Childhood Project)
CSAW	Child Care Statewide Administration on the Web (WI Shares Child Care Subsidy System)
CSEFEL	Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning
CSS	Children's Service Society
CTF	Children's Trust Fund
CWW	CARES Worker Web
CYSHCN	Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program / WI Department of Health Services
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

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DHHS	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
DHS	Wisconsin Department of Health Services
DLL	Dual Language Learner
DNR-PLT	Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Project Learning Tree
DPH	Division of Public Health / WI Department of Health Services
DPI	Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
DSPS-SBD	Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services, Safety and Buildings Division
EBT	Electronic Benefit Transfer
ECAC	Governor’s Early Childhood Advisory Council
ECCS	Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems
ECE	Early Care and Education AND Early Childhood Excellence
ECEC	Early Childhood Education and Care
ECERS-R	Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale-Revised
ECIDS	Early Childhood Integrated Data System
EC LDS	Early Childhood Longitudinal Data System
ECSE	Early Childhood Special Education
EDLLI	Early Dual Language Learner Initiative
E-ELD Standards	Early English Language Development Standards / World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA)
EFT	Electronic Funds Transfer
EHS	Early Head Start
ELL	Early Learning Leaders (accrediting body formerly called NAC)
ERS	Environment Rating Scales (ECERS-R, ITERS-R, FCCERS-R, and SACERS)
FAQ	Frequently Asked Questions
FCC	Family Child Care
FCCERS-R	Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale-Revised
FEIN	Federal Employer Identification Number
Forces44	Forces for Fours (WI Forces for Four-Year-Olds)
FRC	Family Resource Center
FRO	Formal Rating with Observation (in YoungStar)
GCC	Group Child Care
GIQ	Grow In Quality – Pilot QRIS Project
GLITC	Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council
HCCA	Healthy Child Care America
HFA	Healthy Families America
HIPPY	Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters
HS	Head Start
HSSCO	Head Start State Collaboration Office
HV	Home Visiting
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act-2004
IEP	Individualized Education Program
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan
IHE	Institution of Higher Education
IT	Infant/Toddler –OR – Information Technology
ITERS-R	Infant Toddler Environment Rating Scale-Revised
LCMP	Licensed Camp
LDS	Longitudinal Data System
LEA	Local Educational Agency (Public School District)
LFAM	Licensed Family Child Care Provider
LGRP	Licensed Group Child Care Provider
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
NAA	National AfterSchool Association
MG	Micro Grant

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NAC	National Accreditation Commission (now called Early Learning Leaders)
NACCRRRA	National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies
NACCRRRAware	Software used by Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies to generate referrals, reports; manage data
NAEYC	National Association for the Education of Young Children
NAFCC	National Association for Family Child Care
NCCIC	National Child Care Information Center (replaced by CCTAN)
NECPA	National Early Childhood Program Accreditation
NFP	Nurse Family Partnership
NHSA	National Head Start Association
NIEER	National Institute for Early Education Research
NIOST	National Institute on Out-of-School Time
NNCC	National Network for Child Care
NPPS	National Program for Playground Safety
NRC	National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education
OEL	Office of Early Learning / WI Department of Public Instruction
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs / U.S. Dept. of Education
PAS	Program Administration Scale
PASE	Partnership for After School Education
PAT	Parents as Teachers
PBIS	Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports
PDAS	Professional Development Approval System – The Registry
PI	Program Integrity
PIES	Program Integrity Enforcement System
PIN	Personal Identification Number
PIWI	Parents Interacting with Infants
PROV	Provisionally Certified Provider
PST	Program Support Teacher
PWES	Partnership for Wisconsin’s Economic Success
QCQK	Quality Care for Quality Kids
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
QSR	Quality Services Review
REWARD	REWARD Wisconsin Stipend Program (Rewarding Education with Wages and Respect for Dedication)
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. Department of Health & Human Services; U.S. Department of Education (early childhood)
SA	School Aged
SACC	School Age Child Care
SACERS	School-Age Care Environment Rating Scale
SBS	Shaken Baby Syndrome
SCAN-MRT	Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Mandatory Reporter Training
SDA	Service Delivery Area
SEFEL	Social Emotional Foundations for Early Learning
SF	Strengthening Families
SFTA	Supporting Families Together Association
SISO	Sign In/Sign Out Attendance Sheet
Shares	Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy Program
SIDS	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
SPDG	State Personnel Development Grant
SSN	Social Security Number
TA	Technical Assistance

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TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (block grant) / U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
TBSS	Thing Big. Start Small.
TC	Technical Consultant for YoungStar
T.E.A.C.H.	T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Wisconsin Scholarship Program (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps)
T-NET	Wisconsin Training Network and Event Calendar – The Registry
TQG	Together Quality Grows – Pilot QRIS Project
TR	Tiered Reimbursement
T-TAP	Training and Technical Assistance Professional
UMOS	United Migrant Opportunity Service
US CPSC	U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture
UWEX	University of Wisconsin – Extension
UWS (or UW System)	University of Wisconsin System (13 four-year universities, 13 freshman-sophomore UW Colleges campuses, and statewide UW-Extension)
W2	Wisconsin Works
WAA	Wisconsin AfterSchool Association
WAICU	Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities
WAN	Wisconsin Afterschool Network
WAPAF	Wisconsin Association on Public Assistance Fraud
WCCAA	Wisconsin Child Care Administrators Association
WCCF	Wisconsin Council on Children and Families
WCCIP	Wisconsin Child Care Improvement Project (replaced by SFTA)
WCCPT	Wisconsin Child Care Providers Together
WCCRP	Wisconsin Child Care Research Partnership
WDEC	Wisconsin Division for Early Childhood
WEAC	Wisconsin Education Association Council
WECA	Wisconsin Early Childhood Association
WECCP	Wisconsin Early Childhood Collaborating Partners
WECOPI	Wisconsin Early Childhood Obesity Prevention Initiative
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
WIDA	World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment (developer of the Early English Language Development Standards, or E-ELD Standards)
WI FACETS	Wisconsin Family Assistance Center for Education, Training, & Support
WISCCRS	Wisconsin Child Care Regulatory System
WI Shares	Wisconsin Child Care Subsidy Program
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
YoungStar	Wisconsin's Child Care Quality Rating and Improvement System
Y-PQA	Youth Program Quality Assessment
YS	YoungStar
YSC	YoungStar Consortium (Nov. 2010 - June 2016, made up of CCF, SFTA, and WECA)

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