

Acronyms
Commonly used initials that stand for something in
Massachusetts mental health and recovery

AA - Alcoholics Anonymous

ABH – Association of Behavioral Healthcare

ACF - Administration for Children and Families

AD/HD - Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

ADA - Americans with Disabilities Act

ADL - Activity of Daily Living

BSAS - Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (part of DPH)

CADAC - Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor

CANS - Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths

CARF - Commission on Accreditation of Recovery Facilities

CBAT – Community Based Acute Treatment

CBFS – Community Based Flexible Support

CFFC - Coordinated Family-Focused Care

CHBI - Children’s Behavioral Health Initiative

CHINS - Children in Need of Services

CHPR – Community Health Policy Research (at UMass)

CMS - Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

CMHC - Community Mental Health Center

CMHS - Center for Mental Health Services

CPRP - Certified Psychiatric Rehabilitation Practitioner

CPS - Certified Peer Specialist

CQI – Consumer Quality Initiatives

CSA - Community Service Agency

CSP - Community Support Program

DBSA - Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance

DBT - Dialectical Behavioral Therapy

DCF - Department of Children and Families

DD - Developmental Disability

DDS - Department of Disability Services

DMA – Department of Medical Assistance

DMH - Department of Mental Health

DOE - Department of Education

DPPC – Disabled Persons Protection Commission

DPH - Department of Public Health

DSM - Diagnostic and Statistical Manual

DYS - Department of Youth Services

Dx - Diagnosis

EATS – Enhanced Addiction Treatment Services
EBP - Evidence-based Practice
EEC – (Department of) Early Education and Care
EOHHS - Executive Office of Health & Human Services
ER – Emergency Room
ES/ESP - Emergency Services/Emergency Service Program

FST - Family Stabilization Team
FY - Fiscal Year
FYI - For Your Information

GAO - General Accounting Office

HCPCS – Health Care Procedure Coding System
HIPAA - Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HMO – Health Maintenance Organization
HRO – Human Rights Officer
HUD - U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

IAP - Individual Action Plan
ICC - Intensive Care Coordination
ICM – Intensive Case Manager
ICP - Individual Care Plan
IDEA - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEP - Individualized Education Program
INPT - Inpatient
IOM - Institute of Medicine
IRTP – Intensive Residential Treatment Program
ISP - Individualized Service Plan
IT - Information Technology

LADAC - Licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor
LICSW - Licensed Social Worker
LMHC – Licensed Mental Health Counselor
LMHP - Licensed Mental Health Professional
LOC - Level of Care

MassPRA - Massachusetts Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association
MBHP - Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership
MCI - Mobile Crisis Intervention
MCO - Managed Care Organization
MGL – MA General Laws
MI - Mental Illness
MH – Mental Health
MOU - Memorandum of Understanding

MR - Mental Retardation
MST - Multi System Team

N – in research, the total Number
NAMI - National Alliance on Mental Illness
NASMHPD - National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors
NIDA - National Institute on Drug Abuse
NIH - National Institutes of Health
NIMBY - Not in My Back Yard
NIMH - National Institute of Mental Health

OCD - Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder
OCR - Office for Civil Rights
PACT - Program of Assertive Community Treatment
PCC - Primary Care Clinician
PCP - Primary Care Physician / Provider
PHP - Partial Hospital Program
PSR - Psychosocial Rehabilitation
PSTP - Program Specific Treatment Plan
PTSD - Post-traumatic Stress Disorder

QI - Quality Improvement
QM - Quality Management

RFI - Request for Information
RFP - Request for Proposal
RFR – Request for Response
RLC – Recovery Learning Community
Rx – Prescription

SA - Substance Abuse
SAMHSA - Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration
SED - Serious Emotional Disturbance
SMI - Severe Mental Illness
SSA - Social Security Administration
SSDI - Social Security and Disability Income
SSI - Social Security Income
STEPS – Young adult center in Arlington, MA
SYAC – Statewide Youth/Young Adult Advisory Committee

TAY – Transition Age Youth
TBI - Traumatic Brain Injury
TC – The Transformation Center
TCU – Transitional Care Unit
TM - Therapeutic Mentoring
Transcom - Transformation Committee

Tx - Treatment

UR - Utilization Review

USPRA - United States Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association

VA - Department of Veterans Affairs

WHO - World Health Organization

WRAP - Wellness Recovery Action Plan

YA – Young Adult

YEP – Youth Empowerment Project

YAVP – Young Adult Vocational Project

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