

## **Understanding the Autism Language and Autism Acronyms**

ABA- Applied Behavior Analysis

ABC Analysis-Antecedent-Behavior-Consequence

ADHD- Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder

AIT- Auditory Integration Training

AS-Asperger Syndrome

ASD-Autism Spectrum Disorder

AT- Assistive Technology

CAPD- Central Auditory Processing Disorder

CBA- Curriculum-Based Assessment

CBT-Cognitive Behavior Therapy

CDD- Child Disintegrative Disorder

CA- Chronological Age

DA- Developmental Age

DAP- Developmental Appropriate Practice

DT- Discrete Trial

DIR- Developmental, Individual Differences, Relationship-based approach (Floortime)

DRA or DR(O)- Differential Reinforcement of Alternative (Other) Behavior

DSM-V- Diagnostic and statistical manual, 5th edition

EI- Early Intervention

ESY- Extended School Year services

FAPE- Free, Appropriate, Public Education

FBA- Functional Behavioral Assessment

GFCF- Gluten free, Casein Free (diet)

IDEA- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

IEP- Individual Education Plan

IFSP- Individualized Family Services Plan

IPG -Integrated Play Groups

LD- Learning Disability

LRE- Least Restrictive Environment

MA- Mental Age

OCD- Obsessive Compulsive Behavior

OT- Occupational Therapist/Therapy

PBS- Positive Behavior Support

PDD- Pervasive Developmental Disorder

PDD-NOS- Pervasive Developmental Disorder- Not Otherwise Specified

PECS- Picture Exchange Communication System

PT- Physical Therapist/Therapy

RDI- Relationship Development Intervention

SCERTS-Social Communication, Emotional Regulation, & Transactual Supports

SD- Standard Deviation

SIB- Self-Injurious Behavior

SI- Sensory Integration

SLP- Speech Language Pathologist

TEACCH- Treatment and Education of Autistic and Related Communication-handicapped Children

ToM- Theory of Mind

VBT-Verbal Behavior Therapy

Voc-ED- Vocational Education

ZPP- Zone of Proximal Development

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