

ACRONYMS ASSOCIATED WITH EARLY CHILDHOOD WORK

Acronym	Full Name	Affiliation	Website
Mississippi			
BAS	Business Administration Skill	initiative of MSU NHI	https://extension.msstate.edu/family/children-and-
BEEP	Best Early Education Practices	initiative of Meridian community college program	https://meridiancc.edu/programs/career_and_technical_programs/division_of_business/early_childhood_education/beep/in
BeHIP	Behavioral Health in Infants and Preschoolers	initiative of UMMC	https://www.umc.edu/Research/Centers-and-Institutes/Centers/Center-for-the-Advancement-of-
BKC	Batson Kids Clinic	initiative of UMMC Children's of Mississippi	https://umc.edu/location.aspx?id=1c73540f-904d-4d7f-bdee-37e389bc1e27
BRI	Barksdale Reading Institute		https://msreads.org/
CATS	Statewide Child Care Access Tracking		
CAY	Center for the Advancement of Youth		https://www.umc.edu/Research/Centers-and-Institutes/Centers/Center-for-the-Advancement-of-
CCD	Comprehensive Center Designation		
CCPP	Child Care Payment Program	initiative of DECCD	https://www.mdhs.ms.gov/eccd/
CERE	University of MS's Center for Research Evaluation		
CFM	Children's Foundation of Mississippi		
CGLR	Campaign for Grade-Level Reading		http://msgradelevelreading.com/
CHAMP	Child Access to Mental Health & Psychiatry	initiative of UMMC	https://www.umc.edu/Research/Centers-and-Institutes/Centers/Center-for-the-Advancement-of-
CHC	Child Health Council		
CYSHCN	Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs	initiative of MSDH	https://msdh.ms.gov/page/41,0,163.html
DECCD	Division of Early Childhood Care & Development	initiative of MDHS	https://www.mdhs.ms.gov/eccd/
DHS	Department of Human Services		
DMH	Mississippi Department of Mental Health		https://www.ms.gov/Agencies/department-mental-health
DULCE	Developmental Understanding and Legal Collaboration for Everyone	initiative of BKC (MS affiliate)	https://cssp.org/our-work/project/dulce/
EB5	Excel by 5		http://excelby5.com/
ECC	Early Childhood Council	initiative of CFM	https://childrensfoundationms.org/project/early-childhood-
ECDC	Early Childhood Development Coalition		www.mississippithrive.com
ECIC	Early Childhood Investment Council		https://www.strongnation.org/locations/mississippi
ELC	Early Learning Collaboratives	initiaive of MDE	https://mdek12.org/EC/Early-Learning-Collaboratives

ERG	Evaluation and Research Group (ERG) of the Social Science Research Center (SSRC) at MS State University		
F2F	Family to Family Health Information Center	initiative of FAA	https://www.faams.org/families-as-allies-receives-family-to-
FAA	Families as Allies		https://www.faams.org/
FftF	Forum for the Future	collective impact initiative facilitated by MELA	https://www.msearlylearning.org/forum-for-the-future/
GCEIC	Gulf Coast Education Initiative		
GCSEL	Graduate Center for the Study of Early Learning	initiative of University of Mississippi	http://gcsel.education.olemiss.edu/
GEER	Governor's Emergency Education Relief		
HFM	Healthy Families Mississippi	initiative of DECCD	https://www.mdhs.ms.gov/hfm/
HMG	Help Me Grow	initiative of MFFK	https://mffk.org/help-me-grow/
IAMH	Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health		https://www.minority-institute.org/
ICC	Interagency Coordinating Council		
ICCY	Interagency Coordination Council for Children & Youth		
IHL	Institutions of Higher Learning		http://www.mississippi.edu/ihl/
LIFT	Mississippi LIFT (Learning Investment for Tomorrow) PDG Grant B-5		
MAAC	Mississippi Autism Advisory Committee	initiative of DMH	
MAAP	Mississippi Academic Assessment		
MAC	Mississippi Access to Care	MAC Centers answer HMG warmline	https://www.mississippiacesstocare.org/
MAESP	Mississippi Association of Elementary School Principals		
MASA	Mississippi Association of School Administrators		
MASS	Mississippi Association of School Superintendents		
MBE	Mississippi Board of Education		
MCCB	Mississippi Community College Board		
MCM	Mississippi Children's Museum		https://mschildrensmuseum.org/
MDE	Mississippi Department of Education		https://www.mdek12.org/
MDHS	Mississippi Department of Human Services		https://www.mdhs.ms.gov/
MEC	Mississippi Economic Council		https://msmec.com/
MECA	Mississippi Early Childhood Alliance		
MECIC	Mississippi Early Childhood Inclusion Center		https://mecic-usm.org/

MECEC	MS Early Childhood Conference		
MEEFP	Mississippi Early Education Family	initiative of CGLR	
MELA	Mississippi Early Learning Alliance		https://www.msearlylearning.org/
MFFK	Mississippi Families for Kids		https://mffk.org/
MHSA	Mississippi Head Start Association		https://msheadstart.org/
MPB	Mississippi Public Broadcasting		
MSBA	Mississippi School Boards Association		
MS-AIMH	Mississippi Association for Infant Mental Health	affiliate of national organization AAIMH	https://www.allianceaimh.org/
MS-CCRS	Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards		
MSD	Mississippi School for the Deaf		
MSDB	Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind		
MSDH	Mississippi State Department of Health		https://msdh.ms.gov/
MseCA	Mississippi Early Childhood Association		https://www.mississippiearlychildhood.org/
MSHA	Mississippi Speech-Language-Hearing Association		
MSIS	MS Student Information System		
MS L.I.T.E	MS Leading Innovative Teaching and Learning Environments in Early Childhood	MDE seven-month cohort program	
MSMS	Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science		
MSPTI	Mississippi Parent Training & Information Center		http://www.mspti.org/
MST	Mississippi Thrive!	partnership between UMMC & MSU SSRC	www.mississippithrive.com
MSU NHI	Mississippi State University Nurturing Homes Initiative	an initiative of MSU Extension	http://www.ext.msstate.edu/family/children-and-parenting/nurturing-homes-initiative
MSU RCU	Mississippi State University Research & Curriculum Unit		https://www.rcu.msstate.edu/
MSU SSRC	Mississippi State University Social Science Research Center		https://ssrc.msstate.edu/
NMEC	North Mississippi Education Consortium		
OEC	Office of Early Childhood	initiative of MDE	https://www.mdek12.org/EC
PCIT	parent child interaction therapy	practice promoted by BeHIP	
PDD	Planning & Development District	partners with MFFK through MAC Centers	http://www.msppds.org/images/2018_Directory.pdf

PDG	Preschool Development Grant	initiative led by DECCD	https://www.mdhs.ms.gov/eccd/pdg-b-5-preschool-
PDG B-5	Mississippi's Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five		
PDG-R	Preschool Development Grant Renewal		
PEER	Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review	nonpartisan standing committee of MS Legislature	https://www.peer.ms.gov/
PHRM/ISS	Perinatal High-Risk Management/Infant Services System	initiative of MSDH	https://medicaid.ms.gov/programs/perinatal-high-risk-managementinfant-services-system-phrmiss-2/
R&R Centers (or	Mississippi Child Care Resource & Referral	initiative of DECCD	https://www.mdhs.ms.gov/eccd/child-care-resource-referral-sites/
REACH	Realizing Excellence for All Children		
ROR	Reach Out & Read	initiative of BRI, MCM, & UMMC (MS affiliates)	https://reachoutandread.org/
SCL	Systems Change Lab	initiative of SSRC	https://scl.ssrc.msstate.edu/
SEAP	State Special Education Advisory Panel		
SECAC	State Early Childhood Advisory Council		https://mssecac.org/
SICC	State Interagency Coordinating Council		https://msdh.ms.gov/page/41,0,74,767.html
SMEC	Southwest Mississippi Education Consortium		
SWIB	State Workforce Investment Board		https://acceleratems.org/swib/
UMMC	University of Mississippi Medical Center		https://www.umc.edu/
USM IDS	University of Southern Mississippi Institute of Disability Studies		https://www.usm.edu/ids/index.php

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National & General			
AAIMH	Alliance for the Advancement of Infant Mental Health		https://www.allianceaimh.org/
ABA	Applied Behavior Analysis		
ACEs	Adverse Childhood Experiences		
ACF	Administration for Children and Families		
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder		
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder		
AMCHP	Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs		https://amchp.org/
ARP	American Rescue Plan		
ASL	American Sign Language		
ASQ	Ages and Stages Questionnaire		
AU	Autism		
B-5	Birth to Five Years		
BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs		
BIP	Behavioral Intervention Plan		
CACFP	Child and Adult Food Care Program		
CBCAP	Community Based Child Abuse Prevention		
CCDBG	Child Care and Development Block Grant		
CCDF	Child Care Development Fund		
CDA	Child Development Associate		
CDC	Centers for Disease Control		https://www.cdc.gov/
CEU	Continuing Education Units		
CHELLO	Child Home Early Language and Literacy Observation		
CHIP	Children's Health Insurance Program		
CI	Collective Impact		https://collectiveimpactforum.org/
CIT	Community Inclusion Team		
CLASS	Classroom Assessment Scoring System		
CRC	Career Readiness Certificate		
CSPD	Comprehensive Systems of Personnel Development		
CTE	Career and Technical Education		
DAP	Developmentally Appropriate Practice		
DB	Deaf-Blindness		
DD	Developmental Disability		

DEI	diversity, equity, & inclusion		https://www.oidi.msstate.edu/
DSM-IV	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual IV		
EC	Early Childhood		
ECCE	Early Childhood Care and Education		
ECE	Early Childhood Education		
ECHO	Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes		https://projectecho.unm.edu/
EI	Early Intervention		
ELG	Early Learning Guidelines		
ELS	Early Learning Standards		
FE	Family Engagement		
FERPA	Family Education Rights and Privacy Act		
FPL	Federal Poverty Level		
ESSER	Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief		
FY	Fiscal Year		
FFY	Federal Fiscal Year		
FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Centers		
HBCUs	Historically Black Colleges and Universities		
HRSA	Health Resources & Systems Administration	funded MST	https://mchb.hrsa.gov/
HSPS	Head Start Performance Standards		
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act		
IECMH-C	Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation		
IEE	Individual Education Evaluation		
IEP	Individual Education Program		
IFSP	Individual Family Service Plan		
IHCP	Individualized Health Care Plan		
ITCS	Information Technology and Communications Services		
ISP	Individual Success Plan		
KRA	Kindergarten Readiness Assessment		
LD	Learning Disability		
LMS	Learning Management System		
LTSAE	Learn the Signs. Act Early.	initiative of CDC	https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/index.html

MIECHV	Maternal Infant & Early Childhood Home Visiting	initiative of AMCHP, funds HFM	https://mchb.hrsa.gov/programs-impact/programs/home-visiting/maternal-infant-early-childhood-home-visiting-miechv-program
NACCA	National Child Care Association		
NAEP	National Association of Educational Progress		
NAEYC	National Association for the Education of Young Children		https://www.naeyc.org/
NASBE	National Association of State Boards of Education		
NASDE	National Association of State Directors of Special Education		
NCES	National Center for Education Statistics		
NIEER	National Institute for Early Education Research		https://nieer.org/
OCC	Office of Child Care		
OHS	Office of Head Start		
OT	Occupational Therapy		
Part B Special Education	School-Aged Children		
Part C Special Education	Birth to Two Years Old		
PD	Professional Development		
PHI	Personal Health Information		
PPEP	Program Performance Evaluation Plan		
PL	Professional Learning		
PM	Pyramid Model		
QPR	Quality Progress Report		
QSS	Quality Support System		
REI	Racial Equity & Inclusion		https://collectiveimpactforum.org/resource/racial-equity-toolkit/
ROI	Return on Investment		https://heckmanequation.org/
SEL	Social Emotional Learning		
SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program		
SP	Strategic Plan		
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics		

SY	School Year		
TA	Technical Assistance		
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families		
TPITOS	Teaching Pyramid Infant-Toddler Observation Scale		
TPOT	Teaching Pyramid Observation Tool		
WELS	Web-based Early Learning System		
WIC	Women Infants and Children		