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PTAC is committed to providing parents and families of children, ages 3 -21 with special needs, information and resources needed to navigate and work collaboratively within the educational system.

What we do:

PTAC provides the families information regarding the special education CPSE, CSE process including referrals, evaluations and transitions.

PTAC will also work to enhance family's skills and abilities to effectively advocate for their child's needs and work cohesively with the educational system.

Trainings for professionals and staff within the educational setting will also be provided upon request.

Counties we serve: Services are provided to: Allegany, Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Delaware, Greene, Madison, Otsego, Schoharie, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga.

All services are free and confidential



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Special Education Acronyms

A guide for parents to assist in understanding commonly used acronyms



Building effective partnerships between schools and families

ACCES– VR	Adult Career & Continuing Education Services– Vocational Rehabilitation
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
AIS	Academic Intervention Services
APE	Adaptive Physical Education
AT	Assistive Technology
BIP	Behavioral Intervention Plan
BOCES	Board of Cooperative Educational Services
CCLS	Common Core Learning Standards
CDOS-CC	Career Development Occupational Studies– Commencement Credential
CPSE	Committee on Preschool Special Education
CSE	Committee on Special Education
CT	Consultant Teacher
CTE	Career and Technical Education
DD	Developmental Disability
DOH	Department of Health
ECDC	Early Childhood Direction Center

ED	Emotional Disturbance
EI	Early Intervention
ELA	English Language Arts
ELL	English Language Learner
ESY	Extended School Year
FAPE	Free and Appropriate Public Education
FBA	Functional Behavior Assessment
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
HSE	High School Equivalency
ID	Intellectual Disability
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEE	Independent Educational Evaluation
IEP	Individualized Education Program
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan
IHO	Impartial Hearing Officer
IQ	Intelligence Quotient
ISP	Individualized Service Plan
ISS	In School Suspension
LD	Learning Disability
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment

NYSAA	New York State Alternate Assessment
NYSED	New York State Education Department
OHI	Other Health Impaired
OMH	Office of Mental Health
OPWDD	Office for People with Developmental Disabilities
OSS	Out of School Suspension
OT	Occupational Therapist
PBIS	Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports
PLP's	Present Levels of Performance
PT	Physical Therapy
RTI	Response to Intervention
RSE-TASC	Regional Special Education Technical Assistance Support Center
SEIT	Special Education Itinerant Teacher
SLP	Speech Language Pathologist
SPED	Special Education
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
TA	Teacher Aide/ Assistant
TASC	Test Assessing Secondary Completion
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury