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A

- AAA Area Agency on Aging
- AAPD American Association of People with Disabilities
- AARP American Association of Retired Persons
- AAR After Action Report
- ACL Administration for Community Living
- ACS American Community Survey / Alternative Care Sites
- AD Audio Description
- ADA Americans with Disabilities Act
- ADAA Americans with Disabilities Amendment Act
- ADLs Activities of Daily Living
- ADRC Aging and Disability Resource Center
- AFH Adult Family Homes
- AFN Access and Functional Needs
- AHAB All-Hazard Alert Broadcast
- AHJ Authority Having Jurisdiction
- AHP All-Hazards Plan
- ALF Assisted Living Facility
- ALTSA Aging Long Term Support Administration
- API Asian and Pacific Islander
- APRIL Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living
- ARC American Red Cross
- ARES Amateur Radio Emergency Services
- ASAN Autistic Self Advocacy Network
- ASL American Sign Language
  - ASL Glossary video clips from AZ Dept. of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA)
- AT Assistive Technology

B

- BIPOC Black and Indigenous People of Color
Frequently Used AFN Acronym List

C
- CARES Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security
- CART Communication Access Real-time Transcription
- CBO Community-Based Organization
- CC Closed Captioning
- CCP Citizen Corps Program
- CDI Certified Deaf Interpreter
- CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- CEMP Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan
- CERT Community Emergency Response Team
- CFI Center for Independence
  - a CIL based in Lakewood and Marysville serving Thurston, Pierce, South King, Snohomish, Skagit, San Juan, Island, and Whatcom counties [http://www.cfi-wa.org/](http://www.cfi-wa.org/)
- CIA Catastrophic Incident Annex
- CIEP WA Coalition on Inclusive Emergency Planning *(pronounced as SIP or SI-EP)*
- CIL Center for Independent Living
- CMIST Communication, Maintaining Health, Independence, Safety and Support, Transportation *(pronounced as SEA MIST)*
- CMS Consumable Medical Supplies
- COOP Continuity of Operations
- CPOD(s) Community Point(s) of Distribution
- CRC Community Resource Center
- CTS Captioned Telephone Service
- CVAA 21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010
- CWDR Central Washington Disability Resources
  - a CIL based in Ellensburg serving Kittitas, Grant, Yakima, Chelan, and Douglas Counties [https://www.mycwdr.org/](https://www.mycwdr.org/)

D
- DACNW Disability Action Center – NW
  - a CIL based in Moscow ID and serving Asotin, Garfield, and Whitman counties in Washington plus ten north Idaho counties [http://dacnw.org/](http://dacnw.org/)
- DBSC Deafblind Service Center
  - a regional service center for deafblind individuals based in Seattle with statewide service [Deaf-Blind Service Center | Empowering Deaf-Blind Individuals and the Deaf-Blind Community](http://seattledbsc.org)
- DDA WA Developmental Disability Administration
- DES WA Department of Enterprise Services
- DEIA Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility
- DHS US Department of Homeland Security
- Disability Empowerment Center
  - a CIL based in Seattle with satellite offices in Redmond and Auburn serving King County [Disability Empowerment Center](http://seattledbsc.org)
Frequently Used AFN Acronym List

- **DME** Durable Medical Equipment
- **DNR** WA Department of Natural Resources
- **DOC** Department Operations Center
- **DOH** WA Department of Health
- **DOJ** Department of Justice
- **DOT** Department of Transportation
- **DRC** Disaster Recovery Center
- **DSB** WA Division of Services for the Blind
- **DSHS** WA Department of Social and Human Services
- **DSW** Disaster Service Worker
- **DVR** WA Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

**E**
- **EM** Emergency Management / Manager
- **EMD** WA Emergency Management Division
- **EMPG** Emergency Management Performance Grant Program
- **EMS** Emergency Medical Services
- **EOC** Emergency Operations Center
- **EOP** Emergency Operations Plan
- **ESF** Emergency Support Function
- **ETPN** Emergency Transportation Provider Network

**F**
- **FAST** Functional Assessment Service Team
- **FBO** Faith-based Organization
- **FCC** Federal Communications Commission
- **FDA** Food and Drug Administration
- **FEMA** Federal Emergency Management Agency
- **FNSS** Functional Needs Support Services
- **FTA** Federal Transit Administration
- **FTC** Federal Trade Commission

**G**
- **GIS** Geographic Information System

**H**
- **HAZMAT** Hazardous Materials
- **HHS** US Department of Health & Human Services
- **HSDC** Hearing Speech and Deaf Center
  - a regional service center for deaf and hard of hearing individuals based in Seattle with satellite offices in Bellingham and Tacoma serving Clallam, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Mason, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Thurston, and Whatcom Counties [http://www.hsdc.org](http://www.hsdc.org)
Frequently Used AFN Acronym List

- **HUD** Housing and Urban Development
- **IA** FEMA Individual Assistance Program
- **IAFN** Integrating Access and Functional Needs
- **ICS** Incident Command System
- **ICT** Information and Communication Technologies
- **IDEA** Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
- **ILC** Independent Living Center
- **ILP** Independent Living Plan
- **ILRU** Independent Living Research Utilization
- **IMT** Incident Management Team
- **INDEX** Inland NW Disability Experience
- **IP** Improvement Plan / Internet Protocol
- **IPAWS** Integrated Public Alert and Warning System
- **IQ** Isolation and Quarantine
- **I&R** Information & Referral
- **IRPG** Incident Response Pocket Guide
- **JFO** Joint Field Office
- **JIC** Joint Information Center
- **LAC** Local Assistance Center
- **LEP** Limited English Proficiency
- **LEPC** Local Emergency Planning Committee
- **LGBTQ+** Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer
- **LHJ** Local Health Jurisdiction
- **LJ** Local Jurisdiction
- **LP** Large Print
- **LTCF** Long Term Care Facility
- **LTRG** Long Term Recovery Group

- **MAA** Mutual Aid Agreement
- **MCS** Mass Care Services / Multiple Chemical Sensitivity
- **MFP** Money Follows the Person
- **MMRS** Metropolitan Medical Response System
- **MOA/MOU** Memorandum of Agreement/Understanding
Frequently Used AFN Acronym List

- **MSEL** Master Scenario Events List (*pronounced as M-SELL or “measles”*)

- **NCIL** National Council on Independent Living
- **NENA** National Emergency Numbering Association
- **NEP** National Exercise Program
- **NFPA** National Fire Protection Association
- **NIDILRR** National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research
- **NIMS** National Incident Management Systems
- **NGO** Non-governmental Organization
- **NOAA** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- **NOFO** Notice of Funding Opportunity
- **NOI** Notice of Inquiry
- **NPRM** Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
- **NWCG** Northwest Wildfire Coordination Group
- **NWS** National Weather Services

- **OAFN** Office of Access and Functional Needs
- **OC** Open Captioning
- **OCR** Office for Civil Rights
- **ODHH** WA Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- **OES** Office of Emergency Services

- **PA** FEMA Public Assistance Program
- **P&A** Protection and Advocacy
- **PAS** Personal Assistance Services
- **PIDS** The Partnership for Inclusive Disaster Strategies
- **PIEPC** Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference (WA)
- **PIO** Public Information Officer
- **POC** Point of Contact
- **PSAP** Public Safety Answering Point (9-1-1)
- **PSE** Puget Sound Energy
- **PSPS** Public Safety Power Shutoff
- **PWD** People with Disabilities

- **QA** Quality Assurance
- **QDI** Qualified Deaf Interpreter

- **RARET** Regional Alliance for Resilient and Equitable Transportation (WA)
- **RA** Reasonable Accommodation
Frequently Used AFN Acronym List

- **RC** Red Cross
- **RFP** Request for Proposal
- **RSF** Recovery Service Function
- **RTT** Real Time Text

**S**
- **SAR** Search & Rescue
- **SBA** Small Business Administration
- **SCI** Spinal Cord Injury
- **SEOC** State Emergency Operations Center
- **SHSP** State Homeland Security Program
- **SILC** Statewide Independent Living Council
- **SMART** Specific Measurable Achievable Realistic Time-Sensitive (Objectives)
- **SME** Subject Matter Expert
- **SOP** Standard Operating Procedure
- **SPI** State Plan for Independent Living
- **SSA** Social Security Administration

**T**
- **TA** Technical Assistance
- **TBI** Traumatic Brain Injury
- **THSGP** Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program
- **TPA** Trusted Partners Network
- **TRS** Telecommunications Relay Services (7-1-1)
- **TSA** Transportation Security Administration
- **TTX** Tabletop Exercise
- **TTY** Teletypewriter / Text Telephone (obsolete term: TDD)

**U**
- **UASI** Urban Area Security Initiative

**V**
- **VAL** Volunteer Agency Liaison
- **VOAD** Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster
- **VRI** Video Remote Interpreting
- **VRS** Video Relay Services / Vocational Rehabilitation Services

**W**
- **WA** Washington State **NOTE**: Map at map-of-washington.jpg (1400×987) (ontheworldmap.com)
- **WA Cities & Towns** (490 municipalities @=Top 10 in population ^=Top 10 in land area)
  - Aberdeen, Acme, Airway Heights, Albion, Allyn, Almira, Amboy, Anacortes, Arlington, Ashford, Asotin, Auburn, Bainbridge Island, Baring, Battle Ground, Bay Center, Bellevue®, Bellingham, Benton City, Bingen, Black Diamond, Blaine, Bothell, Bremerton, Brewster, Bridgeport, Brinnon, Brush Prairie, Buckley, Bucoda, Burbank, Burlington,
Frequently Used AFN Acronym List


- **WA Counties (39 Counties)**

- **WA Tribal Nations (34 Tribes with links)** *=Non-federally recognized tribe*
  - Chinook Nation®, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation, Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation,
Frequently Used AFN Acronym List


- Also see GOIA | Governor's Office of Indian Affairs (GOIA) (wa.gov)

- WADHH Washington Advocates of Deaf & Hard of Hearing

- WAFAC WA Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network
- WASERV WA State Emergency Reserve Volunteers
- WASHTEC WA Technology
- WASILC WA State Independent Living Council
- WEA Wireless Emergency Alerts
- WG Workgroup
- WID World Institute on Disability
- WMD WA Military Department
- WSDOT WA State Department of Transportation
- WRR WA State Independent Living Council

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