

Frequently Used AFN Acronym List

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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
- **AL TSA** 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

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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/>
- **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/>

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/>
- **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 \(seattledbsc.org\)](#)
- **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](#)

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- **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.hsd.org>

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- **HUD** Housing and Urban Development

I

- **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
 - a CIL based in Spokane and serving Spokane, Stevens, Ferry, Pend Oreille, and Lincoln Counties <http://dacnw.org/>
- **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

J

- **JFO** Joint Field Office
- **JIC** Joint Information Center

K

L

- **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

M

- **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

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

N

- **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

O

- **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

P

- **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

Q

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

R

- **RARET** Regional Alliance for Resilient and Equitable Transportation (WA)
- **RA** Reasonable Accommodation

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- **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
- **SPIL** 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 \(1400×987\)](http://map-of-washington.jpg) (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,

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Camano Island, Camas, Carbonado, Carlsborg, Carnation, Carson, Cashmere, Castle Rock, Cathlamet, Centralia, Chehalis, Chelan, Cheney, Chewelah, Chinook, Clarkston, Cle Elum, Clearlake, Clinton, Colfax, College Place, Colton, Colville, Concrete, Connell, Copalis Beach, Cosmopolis, Coulee City, Coulee Dam, Coupeville, Creston, Cusick, Custer, Dallesport, Darrington, Davenport, Dayton, Deer Park, Deming, Dixie, Dupont, Duvall, East Wenatchee, Easton, Eatonville, Edmonds, Electric City, Elk, Ellensburg, Elma, Elmer City, Endicott, Entiat, Enumclaw, Ephrata, Everett^{@#}, Everson, Fairchild Air Force Base, Fairfield, Fall City, Federal Way[@], Ferndale, Forks, Fox Island, Freeland, Friday Harbor, Garfield, George, Gig Harbor, Gold Bar, Goldendale, Graham, Grand Coulee, Grandview, Granger, Granite Falls, Grayland, Greenacres, Hamilton, Harrah, Harrington, Hobart, Hoquiam, Humptulips, Ilwaco, Inchelium, Indianola, Ione, Issaquah, Kahlotus, Kalama, Kelso, Kenmore, Kennewick, Kent^{@#}, Kettle Falls, Kingston, Kirkland, Kittitas, Klickitat, La Center, La Conner, Lacey, Lacrosse, Lake Stevens, Lakewood, Langley, Leavenworth, Liberty Lake, Lind, Long Beach, Longview, Lyle, Lyman, Lynden, Lynnwood, Mabton, Malden, Malone, Manchester, Mansfield, Maple Falls, Maple Valley, Marblemount, Marysville, Mattawa, McChord AFB, McCleary, Medical Lake, Medina, Mercer Island, Mesa, Metaline Falls, Milton, Moclips, Monroe, Montesano, Morton, Moses Lake, Mossyrock, Mount Vernon, Mountlake Terrace, Moxee, Mukilteo, Naches, Napavine, Naselle, Neah Bay, Neilton, Nespelem, Newport, Nooksack, North Bend, North Bonneville, Northport, Oak Harbor, Ocean Park, Ocean Shores, Odessa, Okanogan, Olympia, Omak, Oroville, Orting, Othello, Otis Orchards, Pacific, Palouse, Pasco[#], Pateros, Pe Ell, Pomeroy, Port Angeles, Port Hadlock, Port Ludlow, Port Orchard, Port Townsend, Poulsbo, Prescott, Prosser, Pullman, Puyallup, Quilcene, Quincy, Rainier, Ravensdale, Raymond, Reardan, Redmond, Renton[@], Republic, Richland[#], Ridgefield, Ritzville, Riverside, Rochester, Rock Island, Rockford, Ronald, Rosalia, Roslyn, Roy, Royal City, Saint John, Sammamish, Satsop, Seattle^{@#}, Sedro Woolley, Selah, Sequim, Shelton, Silverdale, Skykomish, Snohomish, Snoqualmie Pass, Snoqualmie, Soap Lake, South Bend, South Cle Elum, South Prairie, Spanaway, Spangle, Spokane^{@#}, Spokane Valley^{@#}, Sprague, Springdale, Stanwood, Startup, Steilacoom, Stevenson, Sultan, Sumas, Sumner, Sunnyside, Suquamish, Tacoma^{@#}, Taholah, Tekoa, Tenino, Thorp, Tieton, Toledo, Tonasket, Toppenish, Touchet, Tracyton, Trout Lake, Tumwater, Twisp, Union, Uniontown, University Place, Vader, Vancouver^{@#}, Vashon, Veradale, Waitsburg, Walla Walla, Wapato, Warden, Washougal, Washtucna, Waterville, Wenatchee, West Richland, Westport, White Salmon, White Swan, Wilbur, Wilkeson, Wilson Creek, Winlock, Winthrop, Wishram, Woodinville, Woodland, Yacolt, Yakima, Yelm, Zillah

- **WA Counties** (39 Counties)

- Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Clallam, Clark, Columbia, Cowlitz, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lewis, Lincoln, Mason, Okanogan, Pacific, Pend Oreille, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Spokane, Stevens, Thurston, Wahkiakum, Walla Walla, Whatcom, Whitman, Yakima

- **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](#),

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Cowlitz Indian Tribe, Duwamish Tribe*, Hoh Indian Tribe, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Kalispel Tribe of Indians, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Lummi Nation, Makah Tribe, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, Nisqually Indian Tribe, Nooksack Indian Tribe, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, Puyallup Tribe of Indians, Quileute Tribe, Quinault Indian Nation, Samish Indian Nation, Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe, Shoalwater Bay Tribe, Skokomish Indian Tribe, Snohomish Tribe of Indians*, Snoqualmie Tribe, Snoqualmoo Nation*, Spokane Tribe of Indians, Squaxin Island Tribe, Steilacoom Tribe*, Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians, Suquamish Tribe, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, Tulalip Tribes, Upper Skagit Tribe

- Also see [GOIA | Governor's Office of Indian Affairs \(GOIA\) \(wa.gov\)](#)
- **WADHH** Washington Advocates of Deaf & Hard of Hearing
 - a regional service center network for deaf and hard of hearing individuals based in Vancouver with satellite offices in Spokane, Tri Cities, and Yakima serving Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Clark, Columbia, Cowlitz, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lewis, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pacific, Pend Oreille, Skamania, Spokane, Stevens, Wahkiakum, Walla Walla, Whitman, and Yakima Counties [Home \(wadhh.org\)](#)
- **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
- **WRN** Weather Ready Nation

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Z