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ABBREVIATIONS

AE	Adult Education
ABE	Adult Basic Education
ASE	Adult Secondary Education
AFDC	Aid to Families with Dependent Children
BEST	Basic English Skills Test
CASAS	Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System
CBO	Community Based Organization
ECERS	Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale
ECLS	Early Childhood Longitudinal Study
ESL	English as a Second Language
EDS	Experimental Design Study
ESPIRS	Even Start Performance Information Reporting System
ECE	Early Childhood Education
FTE	Full Time Equivalent
GED	General Education Development
GPRA	Government Performance and Results Act
FACES	Family and Child Experiences Study
HIPPY	Home Instructional Program for Preschool Youngsters
HS	High School
JOBS	Job Training for Basic Skills
JTPA	Job Training Partnership Act
LEA	Local Education Agency
LIFT	Literacy Involves Families Together
MEES	Migrant Education Even Start
NEIS	National Even Start Information System
NHES	National Health Education Survey
PAT	Parents as Teachers
PACT	Parents and Children Together
PC	Parent-Child
PE	Parenting Education
PSI	Preschool Inventory
PPVT	Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
SSRS	Social Skills Rating System
STEP	Systematic Training for Effective Parenting
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
TOEFL	Test of English as a Foreign Language
WJ-R	Woodcock-Johnson (Revised)
TABE	Tests of Adult Basic Education

