

# Frequently Used AFN Acronym List

## Including Washington State specific terms

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### A

- **AAR** After Action Report
- **ACL** Administration for Community Living
- **ACS** American Community Survey / Alternative Care Sites
- **AD** Audio Description
- **ADA** Americans with Disabilities Act
- **AFN** Access and Functional Needs
- **AHAB** All-Hazard Alert Broadcast
- **AHJ** Authority Having Jurisdiction
- **AHP** All-Hazards Plan
- **ALF** Assisted Living Facility
- **Alliance** Alliance of People with disAbilities a CIL based in Seattle serving King County  
<http://disabilitypride.org/>
- **API** Asian and Pacific Islander
- **APRIL** Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living
- **ARC** American Red Cross
- **ARES** Amateur Radio Emergency Service
- **ASL** American Sign Language
  - [ASL Glossary video clips](#) from AZ Dept. of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA)

### B

- **BIPOC** Black and Indigenous People of Color

### C

- **CART** Communication Access Real-time Translation
- **CBO** Community-Based Organization
- **CC** Closed Captioning
- **CCP** Citizen Corp Program
- **CDI** Certified Deaf Interpreter
- **CDC** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- **CEMP** Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan
- **CERT** Citizen 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/>

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- **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
- **CPOD(s)** Community Point(s) of Distribution
- **CRC** Community Resource Center
- **CVAA** 21<sup>st</sup> 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 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 \(seattledbcs.org\)](#)
- **DEI** Diversity, Equity, Inclusion
- **DHS** Department of Homeland Security
- **DME** Durable Medical Equipment
- **DOC** Department Operations Center
- **DOH** WA Department of Health
- **DOJ** Department of Justice
- **DOT** Department of Transportation
- **DRC** Disaster Recovery Center
- **DSHS** WA Department of Social and Human Services
- **DSW** Disaster Service Worker

### E

- **EAS** Emergency Alert System
- **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

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- **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** Health and 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.hsdn.org>

### I

- **IA** FEMA Individual Assistance Program
- **IAFN** Integrating Access and Functional Needs
- **ICS** Incident Command System
- **ICT** Information and Communication Technologies
- **ILC** Independent Living Center
- **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
- **IPAWS** Integrated Public Alert and Warning System
- **IQ** Isolation and Quarantine
- **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

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- **LTCF** Long Term Care Facility

### M

- **MAA** Mutual Aid Agreement
- **MCS** Mass Care Services
- **MMRS** Metropolitan Medical Response System
- **MOA/MOU** Memorandum of Agreement/Understanding
- **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
- **NIMS** National Incident Management Service
- **NGO** Non-governmental Organization
- **NOAA** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- **NWS** National Weather Services

### O

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

### P

- **PA** FEMA Public Assistance Program
- **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)
- **PSPS** Public Safety Power Shutoff

### Q

- **QDI** Qualified Deaf Interpreter

### R

- **RARET** Regional Alliance for Resilient and Equitable Transportation (WA)
- **RA** Reasonable Accommodation
- **RC** Red Cross
- **RTT** Real Time Text

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## S

- **SAR** Search and Rescue
- **SEOC** State Emergency Operations Center
- **SHSP** State Homeland Security Program
- **SMART** Specific Measurable Achievable Realistic Time Sensitive (Objectives)
- **SME** Subject Matter Expert
- **SOP** Standard Operating Procedure

## T

- **THSGP** Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program
- **TRS** Telecommunications Relay Services
- **TSA** Transportation Security Administration
- **TTX** Tabletop Exercise
- **TTY** Teletypewriter / Text Telephone

## 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

## W

- **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 \(wadh.org\)](http://wadh.org)
- **WAFAC** WA Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network
- **WASILC** WA State Independent Living Council
- **WEA** Wireless Emergency Alerts
- **WG** Workgroup
- **WMD** WA Military Department
- **WSDOT** WA State Department of Transportation
- **WRN** Weather Ready Nation

## X

## Y

## Z