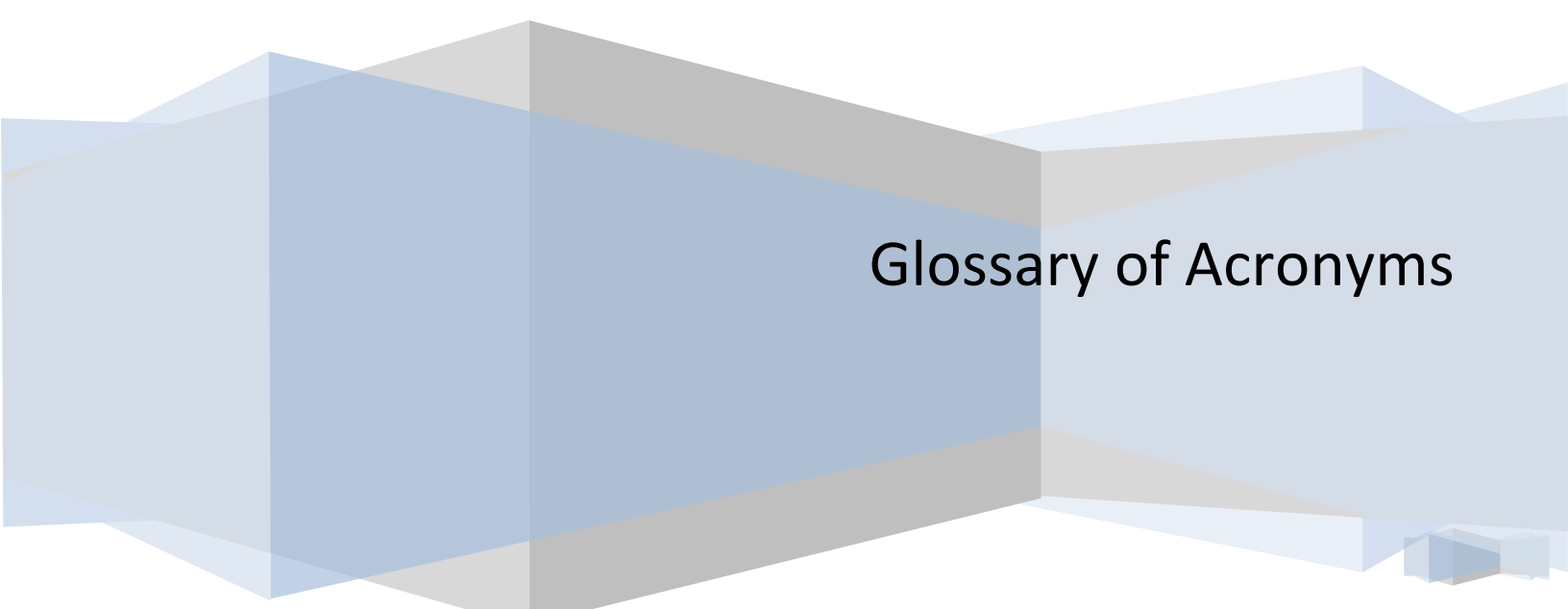


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4H – Head, Heart, Hands, Health

AAA – Area Agency on Aging of Texoma (Texoma Council of Governments)

ACLU – American Civil Liberties Union

ACS – American Community Survey

AIRS – Alliance of Information and Referral Systems

AMI – Area Median Income

AMTRAK – American Track (National Railroad Passenger Corporation)

APS – Adult Protective Services

BEDCO – Bonham Economic Development Corporation

BLS – Bureau of Labor Statistics

BNSF – Burlington North Santa Fe

BPLS – Basic Prose Literacy Skills (National Assessment of Adult Literacy)

CASA – Court-Appointed Special Advocates

CATE – Career and Technical Education

CEDS – Community Economic Development Strategy

CHAS – Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development)

CHIP – Children’s Health Insurance Program

CLF – Community for a Livable Future

CNA – Community Needs Assessment

CNS – Texas Community Needs Survey

COG – Council of Governments

CPPP – Center for Public Policy Priorities

CPS – Child Protective Services

CSBG – Community Service Block Grant

DADS – Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services



DDA – Denison Development Alliance

DFPS – Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

DSHS – Texas Department of Social and Health Services

ESL – English as a Second Language

FB – Food Benefits

FFA – Future Farmers of America

FG – Focus Group

FICO – Fair Isaac Corporation

FMR – Fair Market Rent

FPL – Federal Poverty Line

FSS – Family Self-Sufficiency Program (Texoma Council of Governments)

GATE – Gifted and Talented Education

GCC – Grayson County College

GED – General Equivalency Diploma

GEDCO – Gainesville Economic Corporation

HAMFI – Household Adjusted Median Family Income

HFC – Housing Fund Contingent

HHS – United States Department of Health and Human Services

HHSC – Texas Health and Human Services Commission

HMIS – Homeless Management Information System

HUD – United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

ISD – Independent School District

LEP – Limited English Proficiency

LIPP – Low Income Protection Plan

LMCI – Labor Market and Career Information (Texas Workforce Commission)

LMI – Low to Moderate Income



LPAC – Language Proficiency Assessment Committee

LQ – Location Quotient

MHMR – Mental Health Mental Retardation Services of Texoma

MYC – Muenster Youth Council

NAAL – National Assessment of Adult Literacy

NAICS – North American Industry Classification System

NCTC – North Central Texas College

NCTCOG – North Central Texas Council of Governments

NOFA – Notice of Funding Availability (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development)

NSLP – National School Lunch Program

PHAS – Public Housing Assessment System (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development)

PPLP – Percent of Population Living in Poverty

QCEW – Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

RSVP – Retired Senior Volunteer Program

SEDCO – Sherman Economic Development Corporation

SNAP – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

SSI – Social Security Income

SSL – Austin College Social Science Lab

STAR – Services to At-Risk Youth

SWAT – Skills for Workforce Advancement

TAKS – Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills

TANF – Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

TAPS – Texoma Area Paratransit System

TCOG – Texoma Council of Governments

TDDS – Texas Donated Dental Services Program (Texas Dental Association)



TDHCA – Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs

TEA – Texas Education Agency

TEC – Texas Education Code

TJPC – Texas Juvenile Probation Commission

TMC – Texoma Medical Center

TRACER – Texas Rapid Access to Career and Economic Resources (Texas Workforce Commission)

TSAHC – Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation

TWC – Texas Workforce Commission

TWS – Texoma Workforce Solutions

TWU – Texas Women’s University

TXU – Texas Utilities Company

UIL – University Interscholastic League

UNCHS – United Nations Centre for Human Settlements

UNDP – United Nations Development Programme

UNICEF – United Nations Children’s Fund

USDA – U.S. Department of Agriculture

VA – Veterans’ Affairs

VAWA – U.S. Violence Against Women Act

VISTO – Volunteers in Service to Others

WHO – World Health Organization

WIC – Women, Infants, and Children

