

Definition of Acronyms Glossary

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| ADA | American Disabilities Act |
| ADARA | Professionals Networking for Excellence in Service Delivery With Individuals Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing |
| AGBell | Alexander Graham Bell for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. An international membership organization and resource center on hearing loss and spoken language approaches and related |
| ALD | Assistive Listening Devices |
| ALS | Assistive Listening Systems |
| ABI | Auditory Brainstem Implant |
| Apps | Typically a small specialized program downloaded onto mobile devices |
| BTE | Behind the ear Hearing Aid |
| CART | Communication Access Real Time Translation |
| CI | Cochlear Implant |
| CIC | Completely in the Canal Hearing Aid |
| ComPilot | A Phonak wireless streamer used to connect devices to hearing aid or cochlear implant. Bluetooth to various devices |
| DAI | Direct Audio Input (connects hearing or cochlear implant to a listening device. |
| FM | Frequency Modulation. An assistive listening system that uses FM radio frequencies to transmit sound to a hearing aid, personal communicator, or receiver. |
| HA | Hearing Aid |
| HAC | Hearing Aid Compatible (FCC phone compatibility rule) |
| HAT | Hearing Assistive Technology (phones, smoke alarms, bed shakers etc.) |
| HLAA | Hearing Loss Association of America formerly Self Help for Hard of Hearing People (SHHH) |

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| HOH | Hard of Hearing |
| HP | Hearing Professional (Audiologist or Instrument Specialist) |
| IIC | Invisible in the Canal Hearing Aid |
| iOS | Apple mobile (cell phone) operating system |
| IR | InfraRed (Assistive Listening Devices using InfraRed transmission of sound rather than radio waves. Light that transmits sound. Your TV remote control also uses InfraRed. It requires line of sight. |
| IS | Instrument Specialist (Tests and Dispenses hearing aids) |
| ITC | In the Canal Hearing Aid |
| ITE | In the Ear Hearing Aid |
| KAD | Kentucky Association of the Deaf |
| KAT | KY Assistive Technology program (Under KY Voc. Rehab.) |
| KAT Loan | KAT low cost loan program for assistive technology |
| KCDHH | Ky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing |
| MBTE | Mini Behind the Ear Hearing Aid |
| Mfi | Made for Apple's "I" Devices. |
| MS | Microsoft Operating Systems (Computers/phones) |
| NAD | National Association of the Deaf |
| OS | Android Mobile Operating Systems developed by Google. Cell phone |
| PSAP | Personal Sound Amplification Product |
| RIC | Hearing Aid with Receiver in the canal. Microphone, amplifier are behind the ear; connected with wires to a receiver in an earbud or custom mold in the canal. |
| SHARP | KY Statewide Hearing Aid Assistance and Reuse Program |

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| SHHH | Self Help for Hard of Hearing People; Hearing Loss Assoc. of America's Original Name/Founding Name by Rocky Stone |
| TAP | Telecommunication Assistance Program. (The KY Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Telephone Program) |
| T'Coil | A small electromagnet inside a hearing aid that works with Assistive Listening Devices and telephones |
| Telephone Switch | Another name for a T-coil. A hearing aid program to reduce ambient noise while talking on the phone. |
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| Voc Rehab | KY State Vocational Rehabilitation Office. It's role is to assist people with disabilities in returning to work |