

## Community Service Sector Acronyms

There are many acronyms (a word formed from the initial letters of the words in a name) used in the community sector, which can make navigating the system confusing and difficult! CRCC has put together the list below of some commonly used ones. We hope the list will help carers and people living independently in the community become better informed about what's on offer and what Government departments are talking about.

ABI	Acquired Brain Injury
ACAS	Aged Care Assessment Service
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder
ADL	Activities of Daily Living
A&EP	Aids and Equipment Program
AMES	Australian Multicultural Education Service
ATSI	Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander
BIST	Behaviour Intervention Support Team (Part of DHS)
BSP	Behavioural Support Plan
CACP	Community Aged Care Packages
CALD	Culturally And Linguistically Diverse
CAMHS	Child Adolescent Mental Health Services
CATT	Crisis Assessment Treatment Team (mental health services)
CRCC	Commonwealth Respite & CareLink Centre (includes CareLine Carer Support)
COAG	Council of Australian Governments
COTA	Council on The Ageing (State)
DCS	Disability Client Services (part of DHS)
DEECD	Department of Education & Early Childhood Development (State)
DEEWR	Department of Education, Employment & Workplace Relations (Federal)
DHS	Department of Human Services (State)
DOHA	Department of Health & Ageing (Federal)
DRV	Disability Rights Victoria
DVA	Department of Veterans' Affairs (Federal)
EACH	Extended Aged Care at Home package
EACH D	Extended Aged Care at Home Dementia package
ED	Emergency Department (in hospital)
FaHCSIA	Department of Families, Housing, Community Services & Indigenous Affairs (Federal)
HACC	Home and Community Care
ICU	Intensive Care Unit (in hospital)
ILC	Independent Living Centre
LGA	Local Government Area
MAPS	Mobile Aged Psychiatry Service
MRC	Migrant Resource Centre
NESB	Non-English Speaking Background (replaced with the term 'CALD')
OPA	Office of the Public Advocate
OT	Occupational Therapist
PBS	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme
PCP	Primary Care Partnerships
RDNS	Royal District Nursing Service
RR	Residential Respite
TAC	Transport Accident Commission
TIS	Translating & Interpreting Service
VCAT	Victorian Civil & Administrative Tribunal