PATH... Professional Association of Treatment Homes
Not-for-profit social service agency that provides therapeutic foster care in ND.

PSAP............... Public Safety Answering Point
Center that answers 911 calls and dispatches emergency services.

S

SACCHO......... State Association of City and County Health Officials
Directors from the ND local public health units

SAG.............. State Advisory Group
Governor appointed body to recommend federal juvenile justice grant funding.

SIEC............. State Interoperability Executive Committee
Collaboration among state agencies and responder groups from across North Dakota for the purpose of continually improving communication between all emergency service providers critical for federal, state and local governments during an emergency.

SIRN 20/20....... Statewide Interoperable Radio Network 20/20
Statewide initiative to study and recommend a consensus solution for delivering, integrating and supporting mission critical interoperable radio systems, and training for first responders and the public safety community.

TSOP............... Traffic Safety Outreach Program
A partnership between NDACo and the ND Dept. of Transportation focused on ensuring the safety of our state’s road network, primarily encouraging safety belt usage and sober driving.

T

TSRP......... Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor
An attorney who is or becomes an expert in traffic and DUI laws and provides support to the state’s prosecutors to prosecute traffic safety violations.

U

USC.......................... US Communities
Nonprofit partnership co-sponsored by NACo that reduces the cost of purchased goods through pooling the purchasing power of public agencies nationwide.

V

VOIP.............. Voice Over Internet Protocol
Telephone conversation conducted over an Internet connection.

W

WIR................... Western Interstate Region
NACo Affiliate dedicated to the promotion of Western interests. Its 15 members are: Alaska, Hawaii, Wash., Ore., Calif., Idaho, Nev., Ariz., Mont., Wyo., Colo., N.M., Utah, N.D., S.D.

WSI................. Workforce Safety & Insurance
NACo Affiliate dedicated to promoting workplace safety.

Y

YCC.................. Youth Correctional Center
Formerly the ND Industrial School, this 100-bed facility accepts youth for treatment in the custody of the state, from the Juvenile Court for evaluations, and from local counties for short-term detention.
ABACUS .......................... (Not an acronym)
Consulting firm specializing in local government services, such as indirect cost accounting.

APCO .......................... Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials

ASAE .................. American Society of Association Executives
Enhances excellence in association management, and the effectiveness of associations to better serve members and society.

BCI .................. Bureau of Criminal Investigation

CEG .................. County Employer Group
County workers comp group managed by NDACo. Through CEG, all member county employees are treated as if having one employer, saving counties money in Workforce Safety & Insurance (WSI) matters.

CEUs .......................... Continuing Education Units

CHA .................. Community Health Assessment
A state, tribal, local, or territorial health assessment that identifies key health needs and issues through systematic, comprehensive data collection and analysis.

CHIP ......... Children's Health Insurance Program
Federal program known in ND as Healthy Steps.

CJIS .......................... Criminal Justice Info. Sharing
Framework that provides comprehensive data to the criminal justice community in ND.

CJJ .......................... Coalition for Juvenile Justice
National organization promoting funding for local government programs addressing youth.

COG .......................... Continuation of Government
Resuming gov't services after a disaster.

CRIB ... Coordinated Regional Interoperability Board
Statewide Interoperability Radio Network (see SIRN 20/20) has a governance structure that relies on input from local government in the form of four regional CRIBs. Members are appointed by the governing boards of the state’s 911 jurisdictions which are either county commissions or joint multi-jurisdictional 911 Boards.

DCN ............... Dakota Carrier Network

DES .................. Dept. of Emergency Services

DHS .................. Dept. of Human Services

DJS .................. Division of Juvenile Services
Division of the ND DOCR responsible for the delinquent youth committed to the custody of the state. In cooperation with NDACo, it administers various federal juvenile justice grant programs.

DOCR ....... Dept. of Corrections & Rehabilitation
State cabinet level agency responsible for adult probation, the penitentiary, Roughrider Industries, the Division of Juvenile Services, and is responsible for the development and implementation of jail rules.

DOT .................. Dept. of Transportation

EICG .............. Excellence in County Government
Awards given by NDACo annually to county government leaders nominated by their peers.

EMS .................. Emergency Medical Services

ESCCCEmergency Services Communications Coordinating Committee
Four person committee established by the legislature to study and make reports/suggestions relating to 9-1-1 and Emergency Services in ND.

FEMA ............ Federal Emergency Management Agency

FSC .............. Financial Services Corporation
NACo division which partners with businesses, such as Nationwide Retirement Solutions, to provide counties services at reduced costs.

GASB .......... Governmental Accounting Standards Board
Establishes and improves standards of state and local governmental accounting and financial reporting.

GIS ............. Geographical Information System
GPS .............. Global Positioning System
A space-based satellite navigation system that provides location and time information.

HIPAA ........ Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996
Federal legislation with provisions to improve the portability of health insurance, but affects the Medicaid agencies of state government and private insurers by requiring a unified billing and accounting system nationwide.

HOMER ...... Handy Office Manager of Electronic Records
Database system developed by NDACo to keep track of member information.

ILG ............... Institute of Local Government
501(c)3 subsidiary of NDACo created in 2000, serves as the professional development program of the Association.

IMD ............. Information Management Division
This is the Dept. of Human Services’ information technology division.

ITD ............. Information Technology Dept.
Cabinet level state agency responsible for setting computer standards for state & counties. Maintains the state backbone, which allows counties to access the Internet.

JPA .............. Joint Power Agreement

LPHU .............. Local Public Health Unit

MAMA ...... Member Association Management Agreements
Agreements between NDACo and county member associations to provide various services.

MOE ............... Maintenance of Effort
Generally used in terms of new or increased federal funding – the requirement that states or local governments not reduce their own spending as a condition for receiving the federal dollars.

NACo .......... National Association of Counties

NASNA .......... National Association of State 9-1-1 Administrators

NCCAE ........ National Council of County Association Executives

NCSL .......... National Council of State Legislators
Bipartisan organization dedicated to serving the nation’s state lawmakers and staffs.

NDACE .......... ND Association of County Engineers

NDACO ........ ND Association of Counties

NDCCA .......... ND County Commissioners Association

NDIRF .......... ND Insurance Reserve Fund
Provides cost effective liability, automobile, and inland marine coverage to public entities.

NDLC .......... ND League of Cities
The association serving cities as NDACo serves counties.

NDTOA .......... ND Township Officers Association
The association serving townships as NDACo serves counties.