

# MRCSA ACRONYM GLOSSARY

## **ADHS** *Arizona Department of Health Services*

The state department operates state-wide programs in the following areas:

- Disease prevention and control
- Health promotion
- Community public health
- Environmental health
- Maternal and child health
- Emergency preparedness
- Regulation of childcare centers, assisted living centers, nursing homes, hospitals, other health care providers, and emergency services.

## **ARC** *American Red Cross* **\*\*MRCSA Partner**

The American Red Cross, also known as the American National Red Cross, is a humanitarian organization that provides emergency assistance, disaster relief and education in the United States.

## **ASIIS** *Arizona State Immunization Information System*

A part of the Arizona Department of Health Services, ASIIS is an immunization registry designed to capture immunization data on individuals within the state. Providers are mandated under Arizona Revised Statute (ARS) §36-135 to report all immunizations administered to children 18 years of age and younger to the state's health department. The registry then provides a valuable tool for the management and reporting of immunization information to public health professionals, private and public healthcare providers, parents, guardians and other child care personnel.

## **AZCHER** *Arizona Coalition for Health Care Emergency Response*

The Southern Healthcare Coalition consists of Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, Santa Cruz and Pima counties. Its mission is to improve all-hazard medical response for the region through support of the health care organizations, providers and regional partners by facilitating all-hazards planning, coordinated exercises and real-event response during the mitigation, response and recovery phases.

## **AZ-ESAR-VHP** *Arizona Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals.*

The volunteer management system is part of a nation-wide effort to make sure that volunteer professionals can be quickly identified and their credentials checked so that they can be properly utilized in response to a public health emergency or disaster.

## **AzPDIC** *Arizona Poison and Drug Information Center* **\*\*MRCSA Partner**

Part of the University of Arizona, this is a free 24/7 line for information and consultation on poisons and drug exposures for medical professionals and the public.