



### **Day Care Services/Specialized Supervision**

Day Care Services/Specialized Supervision include after school supervision and supervision during school breaks (extended year services). Day Care Services/Specialized Supervision may be provided to school-aged children with a developmental disability up to 17 years of age, while family caregivers are at work or attending a vocational/educational program leading to future work, and have no other means to provide care and supervision. Day care services may also be available for a parent who is also an individual served by the Regional Center. This service is designed to provide basic care and supervision only. It is provided to those whose health and/or safety would be in jeopardy without such care because of the nature of their disability or at risk status. Day Care Services/Specialized Supervision provide appropriate 1:1 supervision care needs beyond those that can be provided in a typical daycare. This service may be provided at home or at an agency in their local community.

#### **Day care/Specialized Supervision may be provided when the following criteria are met:**

1. The individual resides in a single parent household with parent working or attending a vocational/educational program full-time, or a two-parent household with both parents working or attending a vocational/educational program full-time; and
2. Alternative resources for supervision have been ruled out

#### **The following is also considered when determining the *volume of service*:**

1. The person is in need of constant supervision or total support due to severe physical and/or medical challenges;
2. The individual has severe behavior challenges that constitute a threat to the health and safety of the individual, to the safety of others in the environment, or a threat to property;
3. Other circumstances which the IPP team and Regional Center management deem qualify the individual for these services.
4. If an individual 13 years and older is able to remain safely in the family home without supervision, **day care services will be considered as an exception on an individual basis.**
5. Specialized Supervision is a time limited service and can be renewed based on need and progress.

For individuals under the age of 13 typical parental responsibilities will be considered in determining eligibility for day care services. Under most circumstances, when funding day or after-school care services for a child under the age of 13, Westside Regional Center may pay only the cost of care that exceeds the cost of normally providing day/after-school care to a child without disabilities of the same age. The regional center may pay in excess of this amount **up to the vendored rate** when a family can demonstrate a financial need and when doing so will enable the child to remain in the family home

For individuals over the age of 13, the hours funded will be based on information gathered at the IPP meeting to determine the individual needs and situation(s) as well as the utilization of generic resources such as IHSS.

The number of day care hours for individuals over the age of 13 will be based on individual need and parent(s)/caregiver(s)/guardian(s) will need to provide a schedule reflecting the proposed number of hours requested. The schedule must include the number of requested hours, the purpose, and the number of days using a weekly schedule.

Westside Regional Center supports and encourages family caregivers to seek out cost effective inclusive community programs (such as local day care programs) in lieu of segregated programs whenever possible. In these cases the Regional Center may provide temporary supports to facilitate attendance within the inclusive environment as determined by the IPP planning team. The maximum for funding of such support is up to three months.

#### **Extended Year Specialized Supervision Hours:**

For children under the age of 13, parents(s)/caregiver(s)/guardian(s) must be submit proof that they are employed or are enrolled in a school program that prevents them from providing care for the child. They must also rule out alternative resources for supervision. For Extended Year or Summer Break, hours may be provided with consideration of the following:

1. The parent(s)/caregiver(s) guardian(s) must be employed or attending school fulltime.  
OR- The parent is also an individual served by the Regional Center.
2. Individual must be enrolled in school.
3. Individuals receiving Nursing Services or who required Nursing Respite due to their current medical conditions **may be considered on an individual basis for Specialized Supervision.**
4. Specialized Supervision is a time limited service and can be renewed annually or as needed.

#### **Extended Year (School Breaks)**

- Westside Regional Center will not fund for typical work holidays without confirmation that parent(s) are not available to provide care due to their work schedule.
- Not to exceed 4 hours per day for children under 13.
- Not to exceed 6 hours for children over 13.

#### **Summer (School Break)**

- Not to exceed 200 hours total for the summer-children under age 13
- Not to exceed 267 total for the summer-children 13 and over

*Any exceptions to the criteria above will be considered on a case by case basis and can be considered based on medical/health needs of the individual or the parent(s)/caregiver(s)/guardian(s) and the utilization of generic resources.*

In considering what is in the best interest of the individual, the Regional Center encourages families to explore the different options available for the individual and their family (WIC §4646.5).