



Service Policy Manual

Day Care/After School Care

Day care/after school care provides specialized care and supervision for regional center consumers through age 21 who reside with a family member. Alta California Regional Center (ACRC) may supplement a portion of day care/after school care costs for regional center consumers, when the parent of a single parent household or both parents of a two-parent household are engaged in employment outside the home.

Specialized care means, but may not be limited to:

- The use of medical equipment and care which requires specialized training; or
- Familiarity with techniques for managing extreme behavior challenges such as self-abuse, assault, aggression; or,
- The consumer has needs, which are the result of a developmental disability, which requires specialized care which is in excess of that provided to the majority of same aged peers who are not disabled; or
- The need to provide significant assistance with self-help tasks for a consumer whose chronological age would not typically require such assistance; or,
- The need to provide supervision for a consumer between 12 and through 21 years of age, i.e., the age during which individuals without disabilities no longer require adult supervision, at least during brief periods of time.

Families caring for consumers through 11 years of age are responsible for the cost of day care/after school care services, equal to the cost of such services for a child without disabilities. Families should first utilize the natural and generic resources that may be available to them. The regional center will not purchase day care as an alternative to attending a publicly or privately funded school.

The ACRC Executive Director may review and authorize an exception(s) if warranted by individual circumstances.