

**REGIONAL CENTER OF THE EAST BAY  
PURCHASE OF SERVICE POLICY #3405.2  
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**DAY CARE SERVICES  
13 years and older**

**PHILOSOPHY**

Working parents of adolescents (children 13 years & older) and adults face many challenges as they strive to balance competing priorities and responsibilities. Such challenges may include securing day care for an adolescent or adult with disabilities who requires care and supervision after the conclusion of their school day or day program. Securing day care with trained and reliable caregivers, a safe environment, stimulating activities, peer groups for social interaction, and convenience for the home/work/home commute is a goal for families.

A family arranging day care for their adolescent or adult son or daughter with disabilities presents challenges and requires specialized day care service options.

**SERVICE DEFINITION**

Day Care is defined as care and supervision for adolescents and adults with developmental disabilities who have specialized care needs and whose parent/parents/care givers are engaged in employment, education leading to employment or vocational training that can only occur beyond the consumer's regular school day/day program.

Educational or therapeutic services shall not be purchased under this policy.

**BOARD POLICY**

Regional Center of the East Bay may support families with the purchase of day care related to their adolescent or adult son or daughter's specialized care needs. Day care may be purchased when:

The adolescent or adult's need for care and supervision is beyond that provided to a non-disabled individual of the same age.

and

Day care is not available to the family through the regular resources found in communities (such as recreation centers, church programs, YMCA, Boys/Girls Clubs, city/county recreation programs, etc.)

and

The parent of a single parent household or both parents of a two parent household are engaged in employment, education leading to employment or vocational training which

can only occur beyond the adolescent or adult's school day/day program; and providing the day care will support the continuation of employment/training.

## **PROCEDURES**

The Regional Center of the East Bay may assist families with the purchase of day care when all of the following are complete:

A. Consumer/family needs assessment

Identifies the consumer's needs for care and supervision are above that of a non disabled peer and verifies that the parent of a single parent household or both parents of a two parent household are engaged in employment, education leading to employment or vocational training which occurs beyond the consumer's school day/day program.

B. Natural Support & generic resources

All resources which may be available the family/consumer for the purpose of care and supervision (local recreation programs, community centers, YMCA, etc.) have been fully explored and utilized to the fullest extent.

C. Child Care/Day Care Worksheet

The family completes the Childcare/Day Care Worksheet to clarify the specialized care needs and to identify hours of care and supervision required.

D. IPP planning process

The ID team identifies the day care option. The volume of day care required is based on the Childcare/Day Care Needs Worksheet.

To the maximum extent possible, day care will be provided in settings in which the consumer is able to be included and participate in age appropriate activities with non-disabled peers.

## **AUTHORITY**

California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 4685 (c) (6) and 4512 (b).