



TITLE: Extended Day, Year, and Saturday Services
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Extended day and year services, and Saturday programs are intended for children and adults living at home who have a constant need for a structured setting beyond the primary day program to prevent deterioration in their behavior or who have significant self-help skill deficits. These services are purchased when they are necessary to maintain the child or adult served by the Center in the family home.

The purchase of up to 3 hours per day, or 66 hours per month, of extended day services and/or 6 hours per week of Saturday programming may be considered if either of the following criteria are met:

1. The individual served has serious behavior problems requiring intervention beyond that expected of a regular after-school or after-program setting. Examples would include aggressive acting-out, assaultive or self-abusive behavior, property destruction or hyperactivity that presents a potential danger to the individual or others;
OR
2. The individual served has significant self-help skill deficits for his or her age requiring skilled intervention beyond that expected of a regular after-school program. Examples would include adolescents or adults who are unable to feed, use the toilet or ambulate independently or communicate their needs;
AND
3. Such care is not available to the family through usual resources found in communities at the usual cost such as, but not limited to, recreation centers, schools, churches and the YMCA.

The Center may also consider exceptions to increase hours due to unique individual or family circumstances that limit the parent/guardian's ability to provide care and supervision. Examples may include, but are not limited to parental/guardian employment, temporary illness in the family, or other exceptional circumstances.

The hours of extended day may be increased on a case by case basis during the months when school or regular program hours are reduced. (When parents/guardians/individuals are submitting a service request for a school or program closure, such as spring or winter break, they are encouraged to submit requests to the Center in advance of the break with enough time for the Center to consider the request prior to the school or program break.) All authorized hours for these types of programs are considered on a case by case basis and will be coordinated with respite and/or other purchased services.