

## DAY CARE

**Definition:** Supervision and care for disabled children and adults provided less than 24 hours per day by a person or organization such as an individual worker, **or** vendored day care provider, ~~or a vendored day camp.~~

**Guidelines:** Day care may be purchased to assist working families with the care and supervision of their disabled family members and to enable them to remain living with their families. FNRC may fund day care under the following conditions:

1. Day care services are available only to clients who live with a family member.
  - a. Family member is an individual who:
    - i. Has a client residing with him or her
    - ii. Is responsible for the 24-hour care and supervision of the client
    - iii. Is not a licensed or certified residential care facility or foster family home receiving funds from any public agency or regional center for the care and supervision provided
2. Family member must be engaged in work, an educational program leading to work, or both.
3. Consideration must be given to natural supports and generic resources, including In Home Support Services (IHSS).
4. The family is responsible for the cost of day care charged for a child without disabilities.
5. Before the age of 13, FNRC may purchase day care services only when the costs for day care exceed the cost of a child without disabilities.
  - a. In such cases, FNRC will only pay the difference between the cost for a child *with* disabilities and the cost for a child *without* disabilities.
6. The day care service provider selected by the Interdisciplinary (ID) Team must be cost effective.
7. Day care may not be used to replace or supplant respite services.
8. FNRC will not fund day care services during school hours or when school is in session.

**Amount Purchased:** As determined on an individual basis.

**Approval Authority:** Associate Director of Client Services