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SERVICE PACKAGE FOR PARTIAL CARE

1. INTRODUCTION

A partial care facility provides care and protection to children during the temporary absence of their parents. These facilities have a responsibility to enhance the development of the child physically, mentally, psychologically, emotionally, morally, culturally and socially.

2. STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Provide integrated partial care services to children.

3. PRINCIPLES

- Respect, protect, promote and fulfil the child's rights set out in the Bill of Rights, the best interests of the child standard set out in section 7 and the rights and principles set out in this Act, subject to any lawful limitation.
- A child with a disability or chronic illness has the right not to be subjected to medical, social, cultural or religious practices that are detrimental to his or her health, well-being or nationality.
- Facilities must be of such a nature that it meets the needs of children with disabilities.
- Persons must be employed must be trained in the needs, health and safety of the children.
- Respect the child's inherent dignity.
- Treat the child fairly and equitably.
- Protect the child from unfair discrimination on any ground, including on the grounds of the health status or disability of the child or a family member of the child.
- Recognise a child's need for development and to engage in play and other recreational activities appropriate to the child's age.
- Recognise a child's disability and create an enabling environment to respond to the special needs that the child has.
- Recognise the special needs that children with disabilities may have providing the
- Provide child with parental care, family care or special care as and when appropriate.
- Provide the child with the necessary support services.
- Provide the child with conditions that ensure dignity, promote self-reliance and facilitate active participation in the community.
- Make it possible for the child to participate in social, cultural, religious and educational activities, recognising the special needs that the child may have.
- If it is in the best interests of the child, the child's family must be given the opportunity to express their views in any matter concerning the child.
- The right of the child to express his or her own views freely.
- Child participation

- Confidentiality

4. **VALUES**

- Responsiveness
- Accountability
- Professionalism
- Honesty and Integrity
- Fairness and Equity
- Respect and Dignity
- Teamwork and Partnership
- Openness and Transparency
- Innovation
- Quality
- Child participation

5. **DEFINITIONS**

After school service means the provision of meals, homework support, sporting activity support, life skills education and guidance and counselling support.

Child means a person under the age of 18 years;

Partial care is provided when a person, whether for or without reward, takes care of more than six children on behalf of their parents or care-givers during specific hours of the day or night, or for a temporary period, by agreement between the parents or care-givers and the provider of the service, but excludes the care of a child-

- by a school as part of tuition, training and other activities provided by the school;
- as a boarder in a school hostel or other residential facility managed as part of a school; or
- by a hospital or other medical facility as part of medical treatment provided to the child.

Partial care facility is any place, building or premises, including a private residence, maintained or used partly or exclusively, whether for profit or otherwise, for the reception, protection and temporary or partial care of more than six children apart from their parents.

Care-giver means any person other than a parent or guardian, who factually cares for a child and includes-

- a foster parent;
- a person who cares for a child with the implied or express consent of a parent or guardian of the child;
- a person who cares for a child whilst the child is in temporary safe care;
- the person at the head of a child and youth care centre where a child has been placed;
- the person at the head of a shelter;
- a child and youth care worker who cares for a child who is without appropriate family care in the community; and
- the child at the head of a child-headed household

Parent in relation to a child, includes the adoptive parent of a child, but excludes-

- the biological father of a child conceived through the rape of or incest with the child's mother;
- any person who is biologically related to a child by reason only of being a gamete donor for purposes of artificial fertilisation; and
- a parent whose parental responsibilities and rights in respect of a child have been terminated;

private hostel means a place which is operating during school terms and where children sleep over, are provided with meals, healthcare, life skills education, where their laundry is done and where the children receive guidance and counselling support, school attendance support, sporting activity support and cultural activity support.

Temporary respite care services means a temporary service offered to children and to children with disabilities which is aimed at the provision of temporary care and relief and includes day care or sleepover, the provision of meals, school attendance support, sporting activity support, health care and laundry facilities and assistance with personal hygiene.

6. LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

- The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (1979) (UNCRC)
- African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (1990)
- The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996
- The Children's Act No. 38 of 2005
- Children's Act norms and standards
- Partial Care Strategy 2010

7. TYPES OF PARTIAL CARE

- After school service
- Private hostel
- Temporary respite care services for children including children with disabilities.

SERVICES OFFERED AT PARTIAL CARE SITES

- **After-school centres:**
 - Provision of meals
 - homework support
 - Sporting activity support
 - Life skills education and guidance
 - Therapeutic programmes if the need exists.
- **Private hostel**
 - provision of meals
 - healthcare
 - life skills education
 - laundry facilities
 - Guidance and counselling support
 - School attendance support
 - Sporting activity support
 - Cultural activity support.
- **Temporary respite care services**
 - Provide temporary care and relief and includes daycare or sleepover.
 - the provision of meals
 - School attendance support
 - Sporting activity support
 - health care
 - laundry facilities
 - Assistance with personal hygiene.

8. REGISTRATION MATTERS

All partial care facilities must be registered in terms of section 81 of the Children's Act 38 of 2005 provided they comply with norms and standards.

9. TARGET

Children from 7 to 18 years of age.

10. DURATION AND PERIOD

Respite care: 8 hours

After care : 5 -6 hours afternoon

Private hostel: Whole year excluding school holidays, some weekends, and public holidays.

11. INDICATORS

ACTIVITY	INDICATORS
✓ Provision of partial care Services	✓ Number of children accessing registered partial care facilities

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