



**SP3.3.2:
SERVICE PACKAGE FOR PARTIAL CARE /STIMULATION CENTERS SERVICES**

1. INTRODUCTION

A partial Care Facility provides care and protection to children with disabilities 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. PRINCIPLES

- 2.1. 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.
- 2.2. 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.
- 2.3. Facilities must be of such nature that they meet the needs of children with disabilities.
- 2.4. People who are employed must be trained in the needs, health and safety of the children.
- 2.5. Respect the child's inherent dignity.
- 2.6. Treat the child fairly and equitably.
- 2.7. 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.
- 2.8. Recognise a child's need for development and to engage in play and other recreational activities appropriate to the child's age.
- 2.9. Recognise a child's disability and create an enabling environment to respond to the special needs that the child has.
- 2.10. Recognise the special needs that children with disabilities may have provided
- 2.11. Provide child with parental care, family care or special care as and when appropriate.
- 2.12. Provide the child with the necessary support services.
- 2.13. Provide the child with conditions that ensure dignity, promote self-reliance and facilitate active participation in the community.
- 2.14. Make it possible for the child to participate in social, cultural, religious and educational activities, recognising the special needs that the child may have.
- 2.15. 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.
- 2.16. The right of the child to express his or her own views freely.
- 2.17. Child participation
- 2.18. Confidentiality

3. VALUES

- 3.1. Responsiveness
- 3.2. Accountability
- 3.3. Professionalism
- 3.4. Honesty and Integrity
- 3.5. Fairness and Equity
- 3.6. Respect and Dignity
- 3.7. Teamwork and Partnership
- 3.8. Openness and Transparency
- 3.9. Innovation
- 3.10. Quality
- 3.11. Child participation

4. DEFINITIONS

- 4.1. **Child** means a person under the age of 18 years;
- 4.2. **Partial care/ Stimulation activity** is provided when a person, whether for or without reward, takes care of more than six children on behalf of their parents or caregivers during specific hours of the day or night, or for a temporary period, by agreement between the parents or caregivers and the provider of the service, but excludes the care of a child-
- by a stimulation center 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.
- 4.3. **Partial care or Stimulation center facility** is any place, building or premises, including a private residence, maintained or used partly or exclusively, whether for profit or otherwise for reception, protection and temporary or partial care services of more than six children with disabilities apart from their parents.
- 4.4. **Caregiver** means any person other than a parent or guardian, who factually cares for a child and includes-
- 4.4.1. a foster parent;
 - 4.4.2. a person who cares for a child with the implied or express consent of a parent or guardian of the child;
 - 4.4.3. a person who cares for a child whilst the child is in temporary safe care;
 - 4.4.4. the person at the head of a child and youth care centre where a child has been placed;
 - 4.4.5. the person at the head of a shelter;
 - 4.4.6. a child and youth care worker who cares for a child who is without appropriate family care in the community; and
 - 4.4.7. the child at the head of a child-headed household
- 4.5. **Parents** in relation to a child, include the adoptive parent of a child, but excludes-
- 4.5.1. the biological father of a child conceived through the rape of or incest with the child's mother;
 - 4.5.2. any person who is biologically related to a child by reason only of being a gamete donor for purposes of artificial fertilisation; and
 - 4.5.3. a parent whose parental responsibilities and rights in respect of a child have been terminated;

5. LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

- 5.1. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (1979) (UNCRC)
- 5.2. African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (1990)
- 5.3. The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996
- 5.4. The Children's Act No. 38 of 2005
- 5.5. National Child Care and Protection Policy, 2019
- 5.6. Norms, Standards and Practice Guidelines for the Children's Act, 2010
- 5.7. Partial Care Strategy 2010

6. TYPE OF PARTIAL CARE CENTERS (RELEVANT FOR THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS)

- 6.1. Stimulation Centers for children with disabilities.

7. SERVICES OFFERED AT PARTIAL CARE SITES

- 7.1. **Stimulation Centers for children with disabilities care services**
- Provision of temporary care and relief and includes day care services.
 - Life skills education and guidance
 - Therapeutic programmes if need exist
 - Light sporting activity support
 - Provision of meals
 - School attendance support
 - Health care support
 - Laundry services
 - Assistance with personal hygiene

8. REGISTRATION MATTERS

All Partial care facilities/Stimulation centers must be registered in section 80 of the Children's Act 38 of 2005 provided they adhere to national norms and standards.

9. BENEFICIARIES

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Children below the age of 18 years

10. DURATION AND PERIOD

Partial Care/Stimulation Centers: Operate for 8 hours

11. SCREENING OF EMPLOYEES

All personnel employed by the Partial Care/ Stimulation Centres must be screened against Part the National Child Protection Register and National Register for Sex Offenders.

12.REPORTING

ACTIVITY	REPORTING
Admission of children to partial care centres	Number of children accessing partial care/stimulation services
	Number of screening report compiled for the admitted children
Reporting of Abuse, serious injury and death of a child in Partial Care/ Stimulation Centres	Number of children participating in Partial Care/ Stimulation activities/project
	Number of children abused
	Number of children with serious injuries
	Number of deaths reported