



South Central Los Angeles Regional Center

FUNDING STANDARDS Social Recreation/Camping/Equestrian

Individuals must receive services in the most integrated settings of their choosing and have full access to the benefits of community living. Settings where individuals live and receive services must be provided in a natural environment.

A. Definition

Social/recreational, camping, and equestrian services are designated to enhance the social interaction opportunities and skills. Such services encourage Individuals served by SCLARC to communicate with others, reinforce social skills acquisition by providing an opportunity for them to practice/generalize the skills they have learned, develop healthy relationships outside of their family unit and fosters the importance of developing work/life balance. While a social recreational program may have therapeutic value and have characteristics of community integration and/or social skills training program, the inherent purpose of a social recreational program is to provide an opportunity to recreate in an inclusive environment of their choosing. Inclusive community setting refers to clubs, centers, halls, sites, and other locations where individuals with and without disabilities engage in social activities. The social recreational service/program must promote a beneficial environment that allows for the individual receiving regional center services to have full access to their communities.

Social recreation is defined as swimming, dance, art, music, sports, and activities in inclusive settings including but not limited to, the Department of Parks and Recreation and civic groups such as the YMCA or YWCA, scouting programs, service organizations, local cultural organizations, churches, and community organizations, in which individuals are engaged with others.

Social recreational services will be based on agreement with individual/family and reviewed annually for continued need, progress, and utilization as well as to ensure it remains age appropriate. Age-appropriate social activities are defined as participating in sports, hobbies, arts, leisure activities, educational, and/or volunteer activities with the same and/or near-age peers. Social recreational services are intended to promote a transition into an integrated generic social setting. Social recreational services may not be funded as a day program.

B. Criteria for POS Funding

Social Recreation, Camping and Equestrian services will be considered for individuals and providers who meet the following criteria:

1. All generic resources have been explored in the individual's community prior to requesting regional center funding [WIC 4659.10].
2. Exploration of community resources has been documented to include public parks and recreation departments, civic groups such as the YMCA or YWCA, scouting programs, service organizations, local cultural organizations, churches, and community organizations [WIC 4659.1(a)(3), (b)(2), (c)(2); 4659.10].
3. The activity will be provided in the individual's community, show a cost-effective use of public resources, and will be delivered by the least costly vendor [WIC 4648(a)(6)(D)].
4. If an individual chooses a service that is intended primarily for Individuals with a developmental disability, the service must meet the following criteria:
 - a. The setting (or place where they receive those services) must be in compliance with the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Final Rule before they can begin to receive services.
 - b. The Provider's service design must demonstrate desired outcomes for individuals served, entrance and exit criteria for the service.
 - c. Provider experience must include but not limited to:
 1. Minimum of High School Diploma, some units in secondary education in the field of expertise such as art, music, camp counselor, psychology, child development or similar field, and three (3) to five (5) years of experience working with individuals with developmental disability that is specific to the age group being served.
 2. Has Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)/First Aid certification (renewed yearly).
 3. Must pass the Department of Justice (DOJ) criminal clearance/fingerprint.

4. Must be knowledgeable of Title 17 and Special Incident Reporting.
 5. Must meet all Vendorization requirements under Title 17.
 6. Must have water safety certification and/or certified lifeguard (if applicable).
 - d. Provide an opportunity to inclusive setting and/or access to integrated setting.
 - e. At a minimum, provide every six months or upon request a signed attendance and/or activity report to SCLARC 60 days prior to the end of the service authorization.
 - f. The purpose of social recreational services is to encourage integration and mirror the experience of individuals without a disability; therefore, 1:1 support will only be considered on a time-limited basis as a transitional service to full inclusion. Requests for 1:1 support must come directly from the service provider, prior to initiation of the 1:1 support service, and must be justified with documentation, including but not limited to a reason for the need, expected duration, and fade out plan. Such supports will be authorized for 90 days at a time and will require progress reports to be submitted by the vendor to the Service Coordinator at least 30 days in advance of service termination for consideration of renewal.
 - g. No more than 10 hours per week of social/recreational services will be funded by SCLARC.
5. Services shall not duplicate other services that are in place.
6. The service is not intended to provide social skills training, childcare, day care, personal assistance, and/or respite. For an individual served by SCLARC, family's personal resources, and parental responsibility, should be explored to determine if anyone else, including extended family, friends, or a regular paid support can provide social recreation services [WIC 4646.4(a)(4)].
7. If applicable, SCLARC's case management will consult with SCLARC's Clinical Team for the appropriateness of the social recreational activity requested by the individual we support. Additionally, SCLARC may at its discretion, request for a signed letter and/or a prescription by a licensed medical professional and/or primary care physician authorizing the individual's full participation to the service requested.

8. Day Camps (Spring, Summer, Winter, Sports, Science etc.), must not exceed 60 days per fiscal year.
9. Overnight Camping Services must be provided within the State of California and must not exceed \$2,000.00 per fiscal year. Camping Services must meet regulations and laws set by the State of California.
10. Horseback Riding/Equestrian services must meet the following requirements:
 - a. Equestrian Facilities and/or Providers must have and meet Certified Horsemanship Association (CHA) certification standards in Arena Safety, Facility Safety for Horses and Riders, and has Emergency Equipment in place.
 - b. Equestrian Facilities must pass Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) regulations set by the State of California.

C. Procedure for Referral and Review

1. When an individual requests one of the following services - Social/recreational, camping or an equestrian service – the Service Coordinator shall discuss whether the request meets the criteria of this policy. The Service Coordinator shall determine whether generic community resources were explored. Individual/family must submit a calendar to reflect schedule of the social recreational service(s). If required, Service Coordinators will initiate consultation and/or assessment with the appropriate Planning Team and/or clinical team to review the need and recommend the appropriate level of service.
2. Requests for purchase of this service should be forwarded to the Program Manager and POS Committee for review and approval before forwarding to Fiscal Department.
3. On an annual basis, a review of the individual will be conducted to indicate a need for a socialization experience in addition to what is currently available to the Individual served. The IPP Planning team will assess whether the individual is making sufficient progress in the program to justify continued funding. The review and recommendation for continuation of services may consider programming alternatives with fewer restrictions and/or supports. The identified need will be documented in the Individual Program Plan.
4. Any request for Individuals to receive additional funding in their Self-Determination Individual Budgets for Social/Recreational Services will need to meet the requirements in this policy and demonstrate that funding already allocated in the budget cannot meet the requested need.

5. SCLARC's Purchase of Service Funding Standards Exception Policy may be found on SCLARC's Webpage under the Transparency tab. The Exception Policy is located on Page 3 of SCLARC's Purchase of Service Funding Standards.