

B.6: Inclusion support worker

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Purpose

This policy describes eligibility for funding that allows caregivers to hire an aide to support the client's participation in activities and programs outside the home. These programs and activities can be organized or informal and may be recreational or social in focus. They may include sports, crafts, or cultural activities. They should help the client develop their skills and abilities, and enrich their quality of life. Some caregivers may wish to use this funding to provide a mentor for the client, depending on the client's age and stage of development.

Policy

1. Disability Services (DS) supports the principles of full community participation and inclusion for individuals with disabilities.
2. DS may provide inclusion support worker funding so that the client may participate in programs and activities outside the home that they would otherwise not be able to attend due to their disability.
3. Programs and activities should support the client's development (that is, physical, social, language, or behaviour) and provide enrichment of the client's quality of life.
4. Inclusion support worker funding is intended to supplement the caregiver's typical participation in community, recreational, or leisure activities with the client.
5. Inclusion support workers must be at least 16 years of age. It is the caregiver's responsibility to determine whether the worker has the skills and abilities to meet the client's support needs. The inclusion worker may be someone who already lives in the client's home but must not be a caregiver as defined by this policy.
6. Funding under this policy only covers the cost of the inclusion worker's wages. Caregivers are responsible for all regular costs associated with the programs or activities, including those associated with registration, equipment, material, or transportation.
7. DS does not provide inclusion support worker funding for programming with its own inclusion personnel, or for specialized programming designed and intended for persons with disabilities.
8. DS does not provide inclusion support worker funding for educational purposes.

Definitions

Caregiver(s): A person or persons who are the primary unpaid caretakers of the client and who live in the same home as the client; they may or may not have legal guardianship over the client.


Client: the individual with a disability who receives services from Disability Services.

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Authorities

- Health Act (Yukon)
- Financial Administration Act (Yukon)

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