



Children Act 1989

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PART III

LOCAL AUTHORITY SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Provision of services for children and their families

18 Day care for pre-school and other children

- (1) Every local authority shall provide such day care for children in need within their area who are—
 - (a) aged five or under; and
 - (b) not yet attending schools,as is appropriate.
- (2) A local authority may provide day care for children within their area who satisfy the conditions mentioned in subsection (1)(a) and (b) even though they are not in need.
- (3) A local authority may provide facilities (including training, advice, guidance and counselling) for those—
 - (a) caring for children in day care; or
 - (b) who at any time accompany such children while they are in day care.
- (4) In this section “day care” means any form of care or supervised activity provided for children during the day (whether or not it is provided on a regular basis).
- (5) Every local authority shall provide for children in need within their area who are attending any school such care or supervised activities as is appropriate—
 - (a) outside school hours; or
 - (b) during school holidays.
- (6) A local authority may provide such care or supervised activities for children within their area who are attending any school even though those children are not in need.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

(7) In this section “supervised activity” means an activity supervised by a responsible person.