Day Activity Centres

1. What is SG Enable's role in the application process?

SG Enable will provide you with information that will help you make an informed decision regarding the choice of service for persons with disabilities. Information shared will include location of services, types of services offered by the service providers (e.g. therapy) and estimated wait time to enrolment. Thereafter, SG Enable will submit a referral to the service provider.

2. How does the referral process work?

SG Enable will assess the referrals based on whether:

- the applicant meets the eligibility criteria for Day Activity Centres (DACs)
- the application form has been properly completed and is accompanied by the necessary supporting documents

If the above criteria have been met, SG Enable will send the referral to the DAC.

The DAC will then arrange for an interview with the applicant and caregivers to determine whether he/she is suitable for its service/programme. The DAC might also initiate a trial admission/transition programme to see if the applicant is able to adapt to the centre's environment.

3. Can I place my family member on the waiting lists of different Day Activity Centres (DACs) at the same time?

No, your family member can only be referred to one DAC and be on one waiting list at one time.

4. Can I reapply if I have previously withdrawn my family member's application or turned down an offer for Day Activity Centre (DAC)?

You may reapply for the programme, however, you are required to go through the application process again.

5. What is the difference between Day Activity Centres (DACs) and Sheltered Workshops?

DACs are suitable for persons with disabilities who are unable to take up open employment or attend sheltered workshops. At DACs, applicants will be equipped with the skills needed to maximise their independence.

DACs also provide a form of respite for caregivers during the day.

Sheltered workshops, on the other hand provide employment and vocational training for persons with moderate disabilities to equip them with basic job skills such as, packaging work. Trainees earn an allowance and are presented with opportunities to gain work experience at our clients' companies, thus improving their future employment prospects.

- 6. What are the government-funded Day Activity Centres (DACs)? You may download the <u>Day Activity Centres Service Matrix (PDF)</u> to view the list of DACs.
- 7. Can I visit the Day Activity Centres (DACs) before deciding on my preferred choice for my family? Yes. As it is up to the centres to decide if they allow visitors, you are advised to contact them to schedule a visit. The centres' contact details are available in the <u>Day Activity Centres Service Matrix</u> (PDF).

8. What are the fees for Day Activity Centres (DACs) placement? How much subsidy am I entitled to, and how do I request for further financial assistance?

The fees may vary from the programme that the applicant is enrolled in. You may download the <u>Fee</u><u>Matrix for Singapore Citizens (PDF)</u> or <u>Fee Matrix for Permanent Residents (with one SC IFM) (PDF)</u> to view the fee.

All government-funded programmes have subsidy schemes in place to help families defray the programme fees. National means-testing will be conducted to decide how much subsidy should be given.

If you need further financial assistance, you should discuss it with the centre during the screening interview.

9. What is the purpose of respite care?

Respite care is useful for persons with disabilities who only requires to attend few days programme that help promote the development of cognitive, social, communication, language and motor skills. Some of the centres also provide respite care for caregiver who is unable to care for them for a short period of time.

For example, the caregivers who require to undergo medical treatment few days per week during the day.

10.What are the fees for respite care services at Day Activity Centres (DACs)?

The fees may vary from the programme that the applicant is enrolled in. You may contact the service providers directly to enquire on the fee.