

## **After School Group Supports**

A structured program that bridges the gap between regularly scheduled school and home by engaging the Covered Individual/Family Member in organized group activities that promote the development of appropriate socialization, recreation, communication, problem solving, an/or life skills in a safe and supervised environment. After School Group Supports are provided only to children whose after school care needs cannot be met in a generic community after school program due to behavioral or emotional needs.

### *After School Group Supports:*

- Must be provided face-to-face with the Covered Individual/Family Member
- Can be provided in the community or in a site-based facility.
- Address an identified need for after school group support services as determined by the Child and Family Team
- Are provided in groups of two to five Covered Individuals/Family Members (of which at least two cannot be related) per staff person in a community-based program and in groups of two to six Covered Individuals/Family Members (of which at least two cannot be related) per staff person in a facility-based program.
- Support, rather than supplant, the Family's natural resources and support network
- Cannot be provided when a Parent, Guardian, or Primary Caregiver is available
- Do not include the travel time of the Service Provider to-and-from the location of service, unless the Covered Individual/Family Member is present in the Provider's vehicle
- Cannot be provided by someone who resides in the same residence as the Covered Individual/Family
- Do not include time waiting to provide service

Unit of Service: 15 minutes

Credentialing Requirement: Minimum of a High School Diploma or GED with at least one year of related experience with the target population.