

WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §48-1-210

§48-1-210. Caretaker and caretaking functions defined.

(a) "Caretaker" means a person who performs one or more caretaking functions for a child. The term "caretaking functions" means activities that involve interaction with a child and the care of a child. Caretaking functions also include the supervision and direction of interaction and care provided by other persons.

(b) Caretaking functions include the following:

(1) Performing functions that meet the daily physical needs of the child. These functions include, but are not limited to, the following:

(A) Feeding;

(B) Dressing;

(C) Bedtime and wake-up routines;

(D) Caring for the child when sick or hurt;

(E) Bathing and grooming;

(F) Recreation and play;

(G) Physical safety; and

(H) Transportation.

(2) Direction of the child's various developmental needs, including the acquisition of motor and language skills, toilet training, self-confidence and maturation;

(3) Discipline, instruction in manners, assignment and supervision of chores and other tasks that attend to the child's needs for behavioral control and self-restraint;

(4) Arrangements for the child's education, including remedial or special services appropriate to the child's needs and interests, communication with teachers and counselors and supervision of homework;

(5) The development and maintenance of appropriate interpersonal relationships with peers, siblings and adults;

(6) Arrangements for health care, which includes making medical appointments, communicating with health care providers and providing medical follow-up and home health care;

(7) Moral guidance; and

(8) Arrangement of alternative care by a family member, baby-sitter or other child care provider or facility, including investigation of alternatives, communication with providers and supervision.

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