

Statement of Deficiencies

7315-A: Child-to-Staff Ratio

Not Met

7315-A: Child/staff ratios are established to ensure the safety of all children. Only those staff members directly involved in child care and supervision shall be considered in assessing child/staff ratio. Child/staff ratios shall be met at all times as the number of children supervised by one staff person shall not exceed the ratios as indicated below; however, there shall always be a minimum of two child care staff present during hours of operation when children are present:

Ages of Children	Child/Staff Ratio
Infants under 12 months	5:1
One year old	7:1
Two year old	11:1
Three year old	13:1
Four year old	15:1
Five year old	19:1
Six year old and up	23:1

An average of the child/staff ratio may be applied to mixed groups of children ages two, three, four, and five. Ratios for children under two or over five years old are excluded from averaging. When a mixed group includes children less than two years of age, the age of the youngest child determines the ratio for the group to which the youngest child is assigned. When a mixed group includes children both older and younger than six years old and older, the ages of the children less than six determine the ratio for the group. During naptime, required staffing shall be present in the center to satisfy child/staff ratios.

Finding:

7315-A Based on observations: The provider failed to meet the child to staff ratio in the rear classroom as there were 11 children (6- 1 years old & 5-2 years old) with S4 prior to specialist arrival at 10:15am. When specialists arrived at the center at 10:15am, S5 was sitting in her car in the parking lot of the center and immediately entered the facility as specialists were parking. S5 entered the classroom with S4 and child to staff ratio was met. There were no available staff present in the center to meet the ratio in S4's classroom until S5 left her car and entered the facility.