

Statement of Deficiencies

1711-A-B-D-G: Child to Staff Ratio

Not Met

1711-A-B-D-G: A. Child to staff ratios are established to ensure the safety of all children.

B. Minimum child to staff ratios shall be met at all times.

1. There shall be a minimum of two staff members present at an early learning center when more than one child is present.
 2. Only those staff members directly providing care, supervision or guidance to children shall be counted in the child to staff ratios.
- D. Minimum Child to Staff Ratios for Type II and Type III centers:

Ages of Children	Ratio
Infants under 1 year	5:1
1 year	7:1
2 years	11:1
3 years	13:1
4 years	15:1
5 years	19:1
6 years and up	23:1

G. Mixed Age Groups - Minimum Child to Staff Ratios

1. An average of the child to staff ratios may be applied to mixed age groups of children ages 2, 3, 4 and 5
2. Child to staff ratios for children under age two are excluded from averaging.
3. When a mixed age group includes children younger than age two, the age of the youngest child determines the child to staff ratio for the group.
4. An average may be applied to a mixed age group consisting only of children ages 5 and older.

Finding:

1711-A-B-D-G Based on observations: The Specialist observed that the center failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages: 14 children ages 1 to 5 years of age with 1 staff (S2). The required ratio for children of this age is 7 children, age 1 year old per 1 staff person, due to only children ages 2 and older being allowed to be averaged. The Specialist also observed only 1 staff, S3, supervising 6 children, ages 0-1 year of age. The required ratio for children of this age is 5 children to 1 staff. The center corrected the ratio during the visit once S4 arrived at 9:15 am and S5 arrived at 9:35 am.