

Statement of Deficiencies

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

Not Met

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- 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.
- F. Minimum Child to Staff Ratios for Type I centers:

Ages of Children	Ratio			
Infants under 1 year	6:1			
1 year		8:1	2 years	12:1
3 years	14:1			
4 years	16:1			
5 years	20:1			
6 years and up		25:1		

- 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-F-G Based on observations: The center failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for infants upon Specialist arrival at the center.
- Specialist arrived at the center at 10:44am. S1 was in the infant room alone with 7 children (6 infants and 1 one year old). The ratio for children under the age of one year is 6 children per one staff person. S1 called for S2 to come into the room. S2 went into the infant room with S1 to satisfy ratio.