

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.B. Based on observations at 11:39am, S1 failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages:

- In classroom four, S9 was observed supervising 8 children ages 6 months through two-years-old alone. S2 stated S8 is with the class, but is on lunch.
- In classroom three, S10 was observed supervising 8 children ages 8 months through three-years-old alone. S2 stated S11 is with the class, but is on lunch.

The required ratio for children of this age is 5 children per 1 staff person. S2 stated they were short staffed today, and that staff know not to leave the classroom until someone comes in to relieve them for lunch.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 2/9/2021, S2 stated she will schedule to have at least four floaters present every day to ensure someone relieves staff during lunch, and to ensure classroom ratio is met at all times. S2 stated she, S31, and S5 will assist with relieving staff for lunch when short staffed. S2 also stated she will create a schedule that tells floaters which classrooms to go to during a certain time to ensure the required ratio is met at all times.