

## Statement of Deficiencies

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

Not Met

1711-A-B-F-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.
- 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:

**\*\* NEW\*\*** 1711-A-B-F-G Based on observations: The center failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children upon Specialist arrival. S2 was in the big room supervising 10 children ages 1 to 3 years of age, according to S1. S4 was in the infant room with 8 children ages 2months to one year, according to S4. The required ratio for infants is six infants per 1 staff. Infant ratio was not met as there were 8 children to one staff, S4, in the infant classroom. S2 removed two 1 year old children and placed them in the room with the other 10 sleeping children during the licensing visit to satisfy ratio.

### 1903-C: Free of Hazards

Not Met

1903-C: Indoor and outdoor areas shall be free of hazards.

#### Finding:

1903-C Based on observations:

The outdoor area were not free of hazards. Specialist observed exposed, sharp nails accessible to children, in wood near the raised patio area. Specialist observed half of the exposed area was cover from the previous visit, but the other half was not. S4 stated the nails will be cut or covered for the entire area.