

## 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: S1 failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages: 3 classes of 3 year old children. Upon arrival 3 classes of 3 year old children with 14 children in each class were with one staff member. The required ratio for children of this age is 13 children per 1 staff person. There was one class of 13 children age 4 years with 2 staff members. The correct ratio for 4 year old children is 15:1. S1 moved one staff member (S6) to a 3 year old class (with S4). There was one class of 14 children ages 3,4 and 5 years old with 2 staff members. The correct ratio for this age group is 15:1. S1 moved one staff member (S7) to a 3 year old class (with S3). S9 was working in the office and was not in a class room upon the Specialist's arrival. S9 went to a 3 year old class room. S9 joined S2 in the classroom. The child/staff ratio was corrected during the licensing visit.