

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 and interview, the Provider failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages: 17 children age 2 years old with one staff. The required ratio for children of this age is 11 children per 1 staff person. Upon arrival, Specialist observed S4 alone with 17 children age 2. S4 stated that S2 and S3 were the staff assigned to this classroom. Specialist observed S2 and S3 return to the classroom. S2 and S3 each stated that they stepped away briefly. Specialist observed that child to staff ratio was met prior to departure.

1901.M.: Strings and Cords

Not Met

1901.M.: Strings and cords, including but not limited to those found on equipment, window coverings, televisions and radios, shall be inaccessible to children under age 4.

Finding:

1901.M. Based on observations: Strings and cords were accessible to children under age 4 as Specialist observed cords in infant room, older two year old room, and in the three year old room that were accessible to the children. Center staff corrected prior to Specialist's departure.