

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 four children are present.
2. Only those staff members directly providing care, supervision or guidance to children shall be counted in the child to staff ratios.
3. The department's form noting required child-to-staff ratios shall be posted in each room included in the center's licensed capacity.
4. Minimum child-to-staff ratios for type II and type III centers are as follows.

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 two, three, four and five.
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 five and older.

Finding:

1711-A.&B.&D. Based on record review/video review at 11:15 a.m., S1 failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages on 2/22/2022 at 4:04 p.m.: 15 children age 2 years old with one staff (S7) for one minute. S8 left the classroom at 4:04 p.m. to retrieve popsicles from the kitchen for the children's snack. S8 returned to the classroom at 4:05 p.m. to bring the classroom into the required child to staff ratio.

Corrective Action Plan - Effective 3/31/2022, S12 stated she's conducted training with all staff to ensure staff communicate with each other before leaving a classroom, making sure the classroom maintains child to staff ratio at all times, so is she is not recited this deficiency.