

Statement of Deficiencies

1711. A.&B.&D.&G.: Child to Staff Ratio

Not Met

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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.
- C. The department's form noting required child-to-staff ratios shall be posted in each room included in the center's licensed capacity.
- D. Minimum child-to-staff ratios for children 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 Ages 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.B.1.: Based on observation/interview at 10:45 a.m., S1 failed to have the minimum child to staff ratio met at all times. Specialist observed (13) one to two-years-olds present with S7 in the classroom. Ratio was met for (13) one to two-years-olds when S8 went into the classroom with S7 at approximately 10:47 a.m.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 4/09/2024, S1 stated she will make sure extra staff/floaters are available to meet ratio to ensure compliance with this regulation.