

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: The Provider failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages: twelve children age 2 year with 1 staff. The required ratio for children of this age is 11 children per 1 staff person. Upon arrival at 9:00 am there were 3 staff present (S1, S2 and S3, with 22 children present. S1 and S2 were in the infant room supervising 10 children ages 6 mos-1 year and S3 supervising twelve children ages 2 year-3 year. Ratio could not be met as S1 and S2 assigned to the infant room were at ratio for the age group of that class (6 months - 1 year). Specialist informed S1 that an additional staff was need on the premises to meet ratio or the parent of the last child to arrive needed to be called to pick him/her up so that the child/staff ratio could be met. Deficiency was not corrected upon specialist departure at 11:15 am

1909-C: Infants - Positioning Devices

Not Met

1909-C: Infants shall not be placed in positioning devices, unless the center has written authorization from a physician to use a positioning device.

Finding:

1909-C Based on observations: Written authorization from a physician was not available for 3 of 10 infants to use a positioning device. Specialist observed 3 infants in positioning devices without written authorization from a physician to use positioning device.

1911-G: Pacifier Attached

Not Met

1911-G: Pacifiers attached to strings or ribbons shall not be placed around the neck or attached to the clothing of a child.

Finding:

1911-G Based on observations: A pacifier that was attached to strings or ribbons was attached to the clothing of a child. Specialist observed a pacifier that was on a lanyard attached to a child's clothing while crawling on the floor. Deficiency was corrected during visit as S1 removed pacifier from the child's clothing.