

## 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/interview(s): The Provider failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages: 20 children age 3 years old through 5 years old with 1 staff. In order to meet child to staff ratio, at least 2 staff should have been present with this group of children. Upon arrival, Specialist was greeted by S3 who was seated in the front office. Specialist went to the first classroom and Specialist observed S6 present with 20 children ages 3 through 5 with no other staff present. Specialist observed an extra staff member, S2, present in another class on the opposite side of the building. Specialist advised S2 that she could move S2 to her class in order to meet ratio, which she did. Specialist observed child to staff ratio was met prior to departure.