

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 observation S1 failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children as when the specialist arrived at 4:45 pm, S3 was observed outside in the parking lot. Specialist observed S2 and S4 to be the only staff in the center. S4 was observed supervising 17 children (four 1 year olds, two 2 year olds, nine 3 year olds, and two 8 year olds.) S4 was observed supervising two infants (age 11 months). The required ratio for children age 1 year is 7 children per 1 staff person (children age two years are excluded from averaging). One additional staff was needed to meet ratio. When S3 came in the ratio was corrected.

Corrective Action: S1 has advised staff that they are not to take a break until someone can come in the room for them.