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Statement of Deficiencies

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

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: On 6/30/2020, Specialist entered the center at 11:15am, and observed S2 failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for 16 children ages 2 to 10. An average of child to staff ratios may be applied to mixed age groups of children ages 2, 3, 4, and 5. The required ratio for children of this age is 15 children per 1 staff person.

Corrective Action Plan: S1 removed the only two year old from S2's classroom, and placed her in S4's classroom. S1 stated she will ensure the minimum child to staff ratios are met in the classroom before she leaves the room to serve lunch.