

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 Specialist's observations on 8/8/19, at 9:45am, S1 failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages: infant to 11 years; (1) 10 mo, (3) 1 yr, (7) 2 yrs, (1) 3 yrs, (2) 4 yrs, (1) 5 yrs, (1) 6 yrs, (1) 7 yrs, (1) 8 yrs, (1) 9 yrs (2) 11 yrs. Upon Specialist's arrival to the center, there were 17 children present, ages 10 months to 11 years, with 2 staff. Between 9:45am and 10:00am, 4 more children arrived at the center making the child to staff ratio 21 children to 2 staff. The required staff for this number of children of this age range is 3. Specialist discussed ratio requirements and limitations with S1 and S2. Around 10:15am, S3 and S4 arrived at the center; S3 took 8 children and S4 took 4 children from the group. The center met child to staff ratio requirements before Specialist left the center.