

Statement of Deficiencies

5315-A: Child-to-Staff Ratio

Not Met

5315.A. Child/staff ratios are established to ensure the safety of all children. Only those staff members directly involved in child care and supervision shall be considered in assessing child/staff ratio. Child/staff ratios shall be met at all times as the number of children supervised by one staff person shall not exceed the ratios as indicated below; however, there shall always be a minimum of two child care staff present during hours of operation when children are present:

Ages of Children	Child/Staff Ratio
Infants under 12 months	5:1
One year old	7:1
Two year old	11:1
Three year old	13:1
Four year old	15:1
Five year old	19:1
Six year old and up	23:1

An average of the child/staff ratio may be applied to mixed groups of children ages two, three, four, and five. Ratios for children under two or over five years old are excluded from averaging. When a mixed group includes children less than two years of age, the age of the youngest child determines the ratio for the group to which the youngest child is assigned. When a mixed group includes children both older and younger than six years old and older, the ages of the children less than six determine the ratio for the group. During naptime, required staffing shall be present in the center to satisfy child/staff ratios.

Finding:

7315.A (old tag 5315.A.) The Provider did not meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages as evidence by: specialist's observation in center on 8/23/11 and a completed head count of staff and children during visit.

7 children age 0-1 (1 @ age 0 and 6 @ age 1 with 1 staff. The required ratio for children age infant under 12 months is 5 children per 1 staff. 1 additional staff was needed in classroom to meet child/staff ratio.

14 children age 1-3 (1 @ age 1, 6 @ age 2 and 7 @ age 3) with 1 staff. The required ratio for children age One year is 7 children per 1 staff. 1 additional staff was needed in classroom to meet child/staff ratio.

There were no additional staff present in the center during licensing visit.