

## 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: 12 children age one through two with 1 staff. The required ratio for children of this age is 7 children per 1 staff person. Specialist observed S6 supervising 12 children (5 one year olds and 7 two year olds) alone. Specialist observed that while S3 was present, S3 was in the kitchen preparing and passing out lunch for the children in care. Specialist observed that child to staff ratio was met prior to departure.