

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 at 10:15 a.m., S1 failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages: 16 children, 5 two-year-old and 11 three-year-old children, with 1 staff. In order to meet child to staff ratio, 2 staff should have been present with this group of children. Specialist observed S13 supervising 16 children, ages two through three-years-old, alone on center play yard #2. S1 stated 2 additional staff were supposed to be on the play yard with S13. S1 located S14 and S15, both of whom were in a classroom with the door closed in Building #3. S1 stated S14 and S15 went to get paper towels. Specialist observed child to staff ratio was met prior to departure as S14 and S15 joined S13 in the supervision of the children on the play yard.

Corrective Action Plan: S1 stated she will complete a staff retraining regarding this regulation with staff by 10/1/2021 to ensure this deficiency is not cited again.