

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 |
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| 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/interview: S1 failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages: 8mos - 2yr old children with one staff. The required ratio for children of this age is 5 children per 1 staff person. At the time of the Specialist's arrival at 1:15pm, S8 was supervising eight 8mos - 2yr old (one 8mos infant, two 1yr old, and five 2yr old) children alone in a classroom. At approximately 1:18pm, the Specialist observed S1 enter the classroom with S8 to meet child to staff ratio. S1 stated that S11 is in the classroom with S8, and S11 was out on lunch. Ratio was met at 1:18pm when S1 came into the classroom. Staff sign in records show that S11 signed out at 12:31pm. The Specialist observed S11 arrive at 1:37pm