

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:

new7315.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: upon specialist arrival in center on 10/12/11, it was observed that S1 was providing care for 10 children, ages 0-3 (1 @ age 0, 1 @ age 1, 5 @ age 2 and 3 @ age 3). The child/staff ratio for a group of children in which an age 0 is included is 5 children to 1 staff. S2 was in the adjacent room (kitchen) preparing breakfast for the 10 children and walked in and out of the room with 10 children bringing their plates of food and taking the plates away when they were finished eating. S3 arrived in the center at 8:50am and child/staff ratio was met because S2 returned to the classroom.

***new**7315.A (old tag 5315.A.) Provider did not have at a minimum of 2 child care staff present during hours of operation when children were present as one staff was supervising 1 child age 0 based upon specialist review of staff and children's sign in log for 10/12/11 in which C1 arrived in the center at 6:57am. S2 arrived in the center at 6:30am and S1 arrived in the center at 7:00am. Between 6:57am and 7:00am, 1 staff was in the center with 1 child.

5323-B.4: Outdoor - Crawlspace

Not Met

5323.B.4. Crawlspace and mechanical, electrical, or other hazardous equipment shall be made inaccessible to children.

Finding:

7323.B.4 (old tag 5323.B.4.) Electrical equipment is not inaccessible to children as evidence by: specialist observation on playground in which the barrier around the air conditioner unit is in disrepair, leaving a 12 inch hole at the bottom of the barrier. This hole allows children access to the air conditioner unit. Children could become harmed if they had contact with the unit.

newThe barrier around the air conditioner unit has been removed and replaced with a lattice work barrier since last licensing visit, however this barrier has gaps between the lattice that allows children access to the a/c unit. Children could become harmed if they touched the unit.