

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:

****NEW**** 1711-A.&B.&D.&G.3. Based on observation: S1 failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages: 8 children age One year to Three years with 1 staff. The required ratio for children of this age is 7 children per 1 staff person. C7, a two year old child, arrived at the center at 10:24 a.m. and entered the class of S1. At 11:00 a.m., a One year old child (C1) entered the center. At 11:00 a.m., a One year old child (C1) entered the center. A one year old child in the infant room with S2 was moved to the room of S1. This put S1's room out of the required child to staff ratio with 8 children between the ages of 1 to 3 years with one staff (S1). There was 2 - One year old children, 3 - Two year old children and 3 - Three year old children. S1 stated one staff called in sick this morning and another staff had a WIC appointment. S3 returned to the center at 11:30 a.m. to bring the center back within the required child to staff ratio.