

Statement of Deficiencies

1711-A-B-F-G: Child to Staff Ratio

Not Met

1711-A-B-F-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.
- F. Minimum Child to Staff Ratios for Type I centers:

Ages of Children	Ratio			
Infants under 1 year	6:1			
1 year		8:1	2 years	12:1
3 years	14:1			
4 years	16:1			
5 years	20:1			
6 years and up		25:1		

- 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-F-G Based on observations/interviews: The center failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages: Infants. Specialist observed 9 children, ages 11 months - 4 year olds with one staff. S1 stated that S3 ran an errand and S2 was in the other building helping a parent. The required ratio for children of this age is 6 children per 1 staff person

1715-A.5: State Central Registry

Not Met

1715-A.5: Personnel files for each staff member shall be maintained at the center and shall include the following: documentation of a current, completed state central registry disclosure form indicating no justified (valid) finding of abuse or neglect by the DCFS, or a current determination from the DCFS indicating that the individual does not pose a risk to children.

Finding:

1715-A.5 Based on record review: Center failed to have documentation of a completed state central registry disclosure form (SCR 1) on site and available for review at the center prior to a previously completed form expiring (1705.B). 1 of 3 staff, S1 failed to have documentation of the completed form. Prover corrected during visit.