

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 four children are present.
2. Only those staff members directly providing care, supervision or guidance to children shall be counted in the child to staff ratios.
3. The department's form noting required child-to-staff ratios shall be posted in each room included in the center's licensed capacity.
4. Minimum child-to-staff ratios for type II and type III centers are as follows.

Ages of Children	Ratio
Infants under 1 year	5:1
1 year	7:1
2 years	10:1
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 two, three, four and five.
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 five and older.

Finding:

1711.A.&B.&D.&G.: Based on observation at 11:10 a.m., S1 failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children. Specialist observed 10, (1) one-year-old and (9) two-year-old children in with one staff, S22. Two staff were needed to meet child to staff ratio. The required ratio for children of this age is 7 children per 1 staff person. S1 corrected child to staff ratio in S22's classroom by placing C4 (one-year-old) in S5 and S6's infant classroom.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 10/28/2022, S1 stated she will ensure ratios are met prior to attempting to transition children to new classrooms, to ensure compliance with this regulation.

1901.C.: End-of-Day Check

Not Met

1901.C.: The entire center and play yard shall be checked after the last child departs to ensure that no child is left at the center and this check shall be documented. Documentation shall include date, time of visual check, and signature of the staff conducting the visual check.

Finding:

1901.C. Based on record review at 12:15 p.m., S1 failed to document that the entire center and play yard were checked after the last child departed to ensure that no child was left at the center on 10/26/2022-10/27/2022.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 10/28/2022, S1 stated that she placed the visual check record where staff sign out on the electronic key pad, as a visual reminder to complete documentation, after the last child departs, to ensure compliance with this regulation.