

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:

7315.A. (OLD TAG# 5315.A.) The provider did not have the required staffing present in the center during naptime to satisfy child/staff ratio.

FINDINGS INCLUDE:

Upon specialist arrival at 1:15 PM, 11 infants under 12 months with one staff (two additional staff needed in this room), 10 children age 1 with one staff (one additional staff needed on the premises), 18 children age 2 with one staff (one additional staff needed on the premises) and 18 children ages 3-4 (11 three year olds and 7 four year olds) with two staff (ratio met in this room). Between 1:15 PM and 1:30 PM there were three additional staff on the premises. Two of the three staff on the premises entered the infant room at 1:16 PM to meet ratio in that room. The one other staff on the premises was counted in the one year old room to meet ratio in that room. This left one additional staff needing to be on the premises to meet ratio in the two year old room. At 1:30 PM, that additional staff arrived in the center and child/staff ratio was met for naptime.