

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 approximately 11:30 a.m., S9 and S10 failed to meet the required child to staff ratio.

S9 was observed in building #1 for approximately two minutes when she responsible for maintaining ratio in the building #2 with S10. They were responsible for 17 children ages three to four-year-olds. S9 returned to building #2 upon S1's arrival to the center from lunch at approximately 11:35 a. m. correcting the ratio in she and S10's classroom.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 11/9/2022, S1 stated that she will complete ratio drills with her staff to improve their critical thinking and problem solving weekly for the month of November, bi-weekly for the month of December and monthly going forward unless S1 deems it necessary to complete the drill more often to ensure compliance with this regulation.