

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.

C. The department's form noting required child-to-staff ratios shall be posted in each room included in the center's licensed capacity.

D. 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	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 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.: Child to Staff Ratio: Based on observation at 10:30 a.m., S1 failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children of the following ages: 9 infants with 1 staff, S3. S3 stated S4 was the additional staff supervising in the classroom, but she had gone to the restroom. S4 returned to the classroom at 10:32 a.m., and ratio was corrected. The required ratio for this age group is 5 infants to 1 staff. One additional staff was needed at all times to meet ratio.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 12/6/2021, S1 stated she spoke with staff and reviewed the center's ratio policy on 12/6/2021. S1 reviewed that prior to staff taking a break, they are to call for the additional staff person to take their place in the classroom, so that ratio is always maintained. This is to ensure this deficiency is not re-cited.