

## 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 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.

D. Minimum Child to Staff Ratios for Type II and Type III centers:

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 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.G.3. Based on record review/observation/interview: At approximately 12:17pm, S4 failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children present at the center. Specialist observed S1 with 7 children (2 - three-month-olds, 2 - seven-month-olds, 2 - one-year-olds, 1 - two-year-old) with 1 staff. The required ratio for children of this age is 5 children per 1 staff person. S1 stated S5 was in the classroom with her prior to taking a lunch break at 12:00pm. S1 was not sure when S5 would return to the center. S5's attendance log shows she clocked out at 12:00pm for her lunch break. S1 contacted S4 to inform her that an additional staff was needed to meet the required child to staff ratio. At approximately 12:28pm, S4 was observed entering the center and clocking in 12:30pm. Sufficient staffing to satisfy child to staff ratio was corrected once S4 entered the infant classroom.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 12/9/2020, S4 stated she will ensure the infant classroom meets the required child to staff ratio all times of the day. She will ensure enough staff is present on the premises during rest time/lunch time so she is not cited again.