

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.D. Based on observations on 12/14/2022 at 10:01 a.m., the required child to staff ratio failed to be met for children of the following ages:

- At 10:01 a.m., 6 infants were supervised by one staff, S5. S5 stated S7 stepped out for a moment. Ratio was met when S7 walked in the classroom at 10:03 a.m.

- At 10:07 a.m., 6 infants were supervised by one staff, S5. S5 was observed standing outside the classroom talking to S8, while S5 was alone with the 6 infants. Ratio was met at 10:08 a.m. when S7 returned to the classroom. S2 asked S7 to remain in the classroom to meet ratio.

Corrective Action Plan: Effective 12/14/2022, S2 stated that she and S1 will "walk throughout the day into classrooms" to ensure compliance with the regulation.