

SUPERVISION GUIDELINES

Ratios and group size according to *Caring for Our Children* Standard 1.002

Child: staff ratios in centers and family child care homes shall be maintained as follows during all hours of operation, including transport and nap times:

Age	Maximum Child: Staff Ratio	Maximum Group Size
Birth – 12 months	3:1	6
13 – 30 months	4:1	8
31 – 35 months	5:1	10
3 year olds	7:1	14
4 year olds	8:1	16
5 year olds	8:1	16
6 – 8 year olds	10:1	20
9 – 12 year olds	12:1	24

During nap time, at least one adult shall be physically present in the same space as children. Other adults who are included in the child: staff ratio need not be in the same space with the children when all children are napping. However, in case of emergency, these adults shall be on the same floor and shall have no barrier to their coming to help immediately. The caregiver who is in the same space with the children shall be able to summon these adults without leaving the children.

When there are mixed age groups in the same room, the child: staff ratio and group size shall be consistent with the age of most of the children when no infants or toddlers are in the group. If the group consists of infants or toddlers the child: staff ratio and group size for infants and toddlers shall be maintained. In family child care homes with two or more caregivers caring for no more than 12 children, no more than three children younger than 2 years of age shall be in care.