

CHILD-TO-STAFF RATIO Quality Standard

CHILD –TO-STAFF RATIO documents the ratio of children-to-staff. Lower ratios mean staff has the opportunity for frequent one-on-one shared time and conversations, adequate supervision, meaningful learning activities, and immediate care as needed.

Ratio is always determined by the age of the youngest child in attendance. Attach a list of children’s ages and/or points as indicated. Ratio will be verified on-site by the assessor when a facility receives a star rating.

Terms: Child-to-Staff Ratio: The number of children per provider.

Directions:

1. Note the age of the youngest child in attendance at any time. Using the youngest child’s age, compare your ratio to the ratio grid and check the box if the classroom meets the QRIS ratio indicator.
2. Identify the tier on the grid below that corresponds with your ratio.
 - If the indicator in Tier 2 is NOT in place, check the **Not yet at Tier 1** box.
 - If you are legally operating but do not meet the ratio listed in Tier 4 or Tier 5, check the box for Tier 2.
 - If the indicator is checked in Tier 2, calculate the ratio using the formula in Tier 4 and the grid in Tier 5. Check the appropriate box(es). Ratios listed in Tier 5 are more stringent than in Tier 4.
3. Transfer the information to the Ratio Quality Standard section on the *Application for a Facility Profile*
4. Attach documentation.

WHAT TO SEND IN:

- The **Ratio Quality Standard** section of the *Application for a Facility Profile*.
- **A list** of children’s ages and/or points for each child scheduled for each day of the week.

Ratio Quality Indicators



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<input type="checkbox"/> Tier 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Legally operating	<input type="checkbox"/> Tier 4 Use the following formula: <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; border-bottom: 1px solid black;"><u>Child’s age</u></th> <th style="text-align: left; border-bottom: 1px solid black;"><u>Points</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Birth but less than 2 yrs</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 years but less than 4 years</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Four years and up</td> <td>½</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The maximum number of points or children per provider is 10, as determined by actual count or by using the formula for mixed age group, whichever method results in the lower number of children.</p> <p style="color: red;">Attach list of the ages and corresponding points for each child scheduled for each day of the week.</p>	<u>Child’s age</u>	<u>Points</u>	Birth but less than 2 yrs	2	2 years but less than 4 years	1	Four years and up	½	<input type="checkbox"/> Tier 5 Ratio of the youngest child applies if the group is mixed <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: #d9e1f2;"> <th style="padding: 5px;">Age</th> <th style="padding: 5px;">QRIS Ratio</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;"><i>Birth but less than 12 months</i></td> <td style="padding: 5px;"><i>4:1</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;"><i>12 months but less than 2 years</i></td> <td style="padding: 5px;"><i>5:1</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;"><i>2 years but less than 3 years</i></td> <td style="padding: 5px;"><i>6:1</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;"><i>3 years but less than 5 years</i></td> <td style="padding: 5px;"><i>10:1</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;"><i>Kindergarten and up</i></td> <td style="padding: 5px;"><i>12:1</i></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="color: red;">Attach list of the ages and corresponding ratio for each child scheduled for each day of the week.</p>	Age	QRIS Ratio	<i>Birth but less than 12 months</i>	<i>4:1</i>	<i>12 months but less than 2 years</i>	<i>5:1</i>	<i>2 years but less than 3 years</i>	<i>6:1</i>	<i>3 years but less than 5 years</i>	<i>10:1</i>	<i>Kindergarten and up</i>	<i>12:1</i>
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