

10A NCAC 09 .2615 STAFF/CHILD RATIOS

Each unit in a multi-unit child care center shall meet the following staff/child ratios and group sizes for children:

| Age of Children | Ratio Staff/Children | Maximum Group Size |
|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 0 to 12 Months | 1/5 | 10 |
| 12 to 24 Months | 1/6 | 12 |
| 2 to 3 Years | 1/10 | 20 |
| 3 to 5 Years | 1/15 | 25 |
| 5 Years and Older | 1/25 | 25 |

- (1) when combining age groups, the staff/child ratio for the youngest child in the group shall be maintained for the entire group;
- (2) when only one caregiver is required to meet the staff/child ratio and children under two years of age are in care, that person shall not concurrently perform food preparation or other duties which are not direct child care responsibilities;
 - (a) The unit shall post the name, address, and telephone number of an adult who has agreed in writing to be available to provide emergency relief and who can respond within a reasonable period of time; or
 - (b) There shall be a second adult on the premises who is available to provide emergency relief. This second adult may be a person in another licensed unit within the multi-unit center or support staff within the building.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 110-85; 110-86; 110-88; 110-91;
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