# Child:Early Childhood Educator Ratios



## The Key to Quality

Why lower child:early childhood educator ratios?

Low child:early childhood educator ratios are...

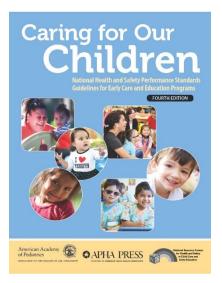
- consistently connected with higher-quality care and positive child outcomes, including higher social competence, communication and language skills, and cognitive development.
- associated with more direct, warm social interactions between adults and children and therefore more secure relationships. Decades of research in human development confirms that positive early relationships with caregivers are the foundation for lifetime health and wellbeing.
- correlated with fewer situations that threaten children's physical safety, including situations related to both an adult's capacity for supervision and loss of self-control.

Low child:early childhood educator ratios ensure that...

- children may receive the one-on-one attention needed to feel safe, loved, and ready to explore. When child care professionals care for a smaller number of children, they engage in more positive caregiving behavior, including engaging in physical contact, responding promptly to needs, encouraging development, talking, singing, and reading. This is most critical for infants and toddlers, who require more adult guidance to feel emotionally regulated and secure in their surroundings.
- adults may provide safety in life-threatening situations. The National Fire Protection Association requires in the NFPA 101: Life Safety code that family child care homes serve no more than two children incapable of self-preservation.



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#### Family Child Care Safe Environments Ratios and Supervision in Family Child Care

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#### Objectives

- List safe ratios for family child care settings and reasons why maintaining ratio is important.
- Define active supervision and provide examples of what active supervision looks like.
- Brainstorm ways to safely handle supervision challenges in family child care settings.

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#### Know Ratios for Family Child Care

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It is also critical that you check with the licensing standards in your state and with your family child care administrator to know exactly how many children and of what ages you can safely care for at one time.









