



Clarification on Standards 2 and 3 in the Child Care and Preschool Quality Framework

State regulations establish the foundation for operating child care and early learning programs. These regulations specify the minimum standards that must be met to operate legally and are the first step in a quality rating and improvement system. The DCYF regulations are listed below.

AGE	STAFF CHILD RATIO	MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE
6 weeks to 18 months	1 to 4	8
18 months to 3 years	1 to 6	12
3 years	1 to 9	18
4 years	1 to 10	20
5 years	1 to 12	24

Excerpt from the 2013 Child Care Program Regulations for Licensure

BrightStars requires that each group/classroom in a child care center, preschool, or public school posts the group/classroom's **specific** staff-child ratio and maximum group size in or near the group/classroom.

The intent of this posting is to assist in informing parents about the group size and ratio of the classroom that their child attends. This posting should be in or near the appropriate classroom. If the program wishes to post the sign at the front of the business or school, that is understandable but that posting ***does not replace the specific sign that needs to be posted in or near the group/classroom.***

The attached template is optional.

Room Name

This room serves

(Infants/Toddlers/Pre-School/School Age)

This room has _____ adult for every _____ children.

This meets the requirements for BrightStars Standard 2: Minimum Staff-Child Ratio.

The maximum group size for this room is _____.

This meets the requirements for BrightStars Standard 3: Maximum Group Size.

The intent of this posting is to assist in informing parents about the group size and ratio of the classroom that their child attends. This posting should be in or near the appropriate classroom.

Staff-Child Ratio Posted: Observed in or near selected groups/classrooms. The sign should clearly communicate the minimum staff-child ratio adhered to in the group.

Group Size Posted: Observed in or near selected groups/classrooms. The sign should clearly communicate the maximum number of children ever permitted to attend the group at one time.