



# RATIOS AND GROUP SIZES

## LOWER RATIOS AND GROUP SIZES HELP INCREASE QUALITY.

Staff child ratios indicate how many children each teacher is responsible for supervising. Group sizes are the maximum number of children that should be cared for in one class.

Smaller group sizes and ratios enable an optimal environment for careful supervision, individualized care, and intentional teaching. High quality care and learning can take place because there is enough support to enable it to occur.

## BEST PRACTICES:

Teacher per # of Children, Max Group Size

Infants 1:4, 8 Max

Toddlers: 1:6, 12 Max

Preschool: 1:10, 20 Max

School Age: 1:15, 30 Max



## LOWERING RATIOS DURING DAILY PRACTICES:

When in your schedule could more support be available?



Decrease whole group transitions. Try gradual or individualized transitions.



Increase free play and small group opportunities.



Use individual interactions during play and routines to teach.

