



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 family child care learning home.

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.



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.



BEST PRACTICES:

1 teacher to 3 children, and no more than 6 children max.