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| **Caring for Our Children Standards:**STANDARD 1.1.1.2: Ratios for Large Family Child Care Homes and Centers \*Stepping Stones Standard\* Child:staff ratios in large family child care homes and centers should be maintained as follows during all hours of operation, including in vehicles during transport.Child Care Centers• Less than 12 months of age, the maximum child-staff ratio is 3:1 and the maximum group size is 6.• Between 13 and 32 months, the maximum child-staff ratio is 4:1 and the maximum group size is 8.• For 3 year olds, the maximum child-staff ratio is 7:1 and the maximum group size is 14.• For 4 year olds, the maximum child-staff ratio is 8:1 and the maximum group size is 16.• For 5 year olds, the maximum child-staff ratio is 8:1 and the maximum group size is 16.• For 6 to 8 year olds, the maximum child-staff ratio is 10:1 and the maximum group size is 20.• For 9 to 12 year olds, the maximum child-staff ratio is 12:1 and the maximum group size is 24. |
| Current Rules | Proposed Rule Concept | Notes, Pros and Cons |
| Centers with certification in effect on July 15, 2001, shall comply with age groupings, staff/child ratios and group size in either Table 3A or Table 3B for as long as the facility is continuously used for child care, under the following conditions:* + 1. The center must choose to operate under Table 3A or Table 3B; centers shall not operate under a combination of both;
		2. If centers wish to change from operating under one set of ratios to operating under the other set of ratios, the change shall occur at the time of certification renewal; and
		3. Centers may change options only twice.
 | Centers that are operating under Table 3B, must be in compliance with the caregiver/child ratio in current rule by xxx xx, xxxx. [Possibly a five year implementation plan.] | 231 Centers are currently operating under Table 3B. Pros:From ages 24 months to 30 months, Table 3A will allow one more child in the staff child ratio; 1:5 with a maximum group size of 10, as opposed to 1:4 from Table 3B, with a group size of 8. Table 3A is closer to Caring For Our Children standards with the ages of 3 to 5 year olds. Cons: From ages 30 months to 35 months, Table 3A will allow 5 fewer children in the staff child ratio; 1:5 with a group size of 10 in Table 2A, as opposed to 1:10 ratio with a maximum group size of 20 in Table 3B.Many centers are set up for Table 3B and do not have capacity to accommodate another age group; the 4 age groups in Table 3A compared to the three age groups ion Table 3B. Note: Both Tables will allow for a 1:10 ratio from 35 months to attending kindergarten. With attending kindergarten and older, both tables will allow a ratio of 1:15. Impact: **Centers Table 3B – survey information**Survey sent to 197 out of 231 Certified Child Care Centers who are listed as operating under Table 3B.62 Individuals responded to the survey 27% of facilities operating under Table 3B.52% (32 centers) of respondents said they would be required to hire additional staff if they were required to move to table 3A.42% (26) of respondents said they would need to make physical modifications to their buildings. Comments ranged from needing a new bathroom or classroom space to having no options for accommodating a change.49.2% (33) of individuals added comments on other possible changes such as closing down, limiting enrollment to 36 months and over, decreasing overall capacity, etc. Approximately 24% of respondents reported that changing to Table 3A would require no changes to staffing or facilities. |

 Current Table 3A

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| **Age of Children** | **Minimum Number of Caregivers to Children** | **Maximum Number of Children in a Group** |
| Six Weeks of Age through 23 Months | 1:4 | 8 |
| 24 Months of Age through 35 Months | 1:5 | 10 |
| 36 Months of Age to Attending Kindergarten | 1:10 | 20 |
| Attending Kindergarten and Older | 1:15 | 30 |

 Current Table 3B

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| **Age of Children** | **Minimum Number of Caregivers to Children** | **Maximum Number of Children in a Group** |
| Six Weeks of Age and Under 30 Months | 1:4 | 8 |
| 30 Months of Age to Attending Kindergarten | 1:10 | 20 |
| Attending Kindergarten and Older | 1:15 | 30 |