

**WAC 110-145-2045 What are the required ratios of staff to children in group receiving centers?** (1) The department has the following specific requirements for the ratio of direct care staff to children at group receiving centers:

(a) At least two staff, including at least one direct care staff person, must be on site whenever children are on the premises; and

(b) If you have at least one child under the age of six in placement, the ratio for a group receiving center is at least one direct care staff person on site during waking and sleeping hours, for every four children.

(2) The ratio for a group receiving center is at least one direct care staff person on site during waking and sleeping hours, for every six children, age six years and older. If your group receiving center is approved for more than one age group, you must maintain the staffing ratio designated for the youngest child in the group.

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