

**WAC 110-145-2005 What are the required ratios of staff to children in an ERC?** (1) At all times, emergency respite centers must have the following minimum staffing ratios:

(a) At least two staff on duty when children are present; and

(b) One direct care staff providing visual or auditory supervision for every four children in care.

(2) The director, program manager, or case manager at an emergency respite center must normally be on the premises during daytime hours when children are in care.

(3) If temporarily absent (for two hours or less) from the center, the director and program manager must leave a competent, designated staff person in charge. This person must meet the qualifications of a direct care staff person.

(4) During evening, overnight, and weekend shifts, at least one of the staff on the premises must be a direct care worker when children are present. The other staff may be an assistant. The director, program manager, or case manager must be on-call and able to respond by telephone within fifteen minutes.

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