

Staff-To-Child Ratio While Swimming Worksheet Group and Family Child Care

Use of form: Use of this form is voluntary. However, this worksheet may be used to calculate the required number of child care providers who have the ability to swim that must be present when enrolled children are in the water. When children are in the water of a pool, wading pool, water attraction or beach, DCF 250.06(12)(c)3. and DCF 251.06(12)(c)3. require that the staff-to-child ratio be modified. If some of the children are in the water and others are not, at least 2 child care providers are necessary - at least one child care provider to supervise the children in the water and one child care provider to supervise the children who are not. A child shall be restricted to the area of the pool or beach that is within the child's swimming ability.

Instructions: Any total numerical weight below .05 is considered statistically insignificant and should be dropped. For example, if the total numerical weight is 1.05 or above, two staff persons are required; however, if the total numerical weight is 1.04, drop the .04 and only one staff member is required.

DCF 250 FAMILY CHILD CARE CENTERS			
1	2	3	4
Age – Child	Number of Children in Age Group	Numerical Weight for Age Group	Required Providers per Age Group (Column 2 x Column 3)
Birth to 2 years	_____ X	(1:1) 1.00	= _____
2 years and 3 years	_____ X	(1:3) .333	= _____
4 years and 5 years	_____ X	(1:6) .167	= _____
6 years and older	_____ X	(1:8) .125	= _____
TOTAL (Sum of Column 4):			_____

The number in the "TOTAL (Sum of Column 4):" box is the required number of child care providers who can swim that must be present when enrolled children are in the water.

DCF 251 GROUP CHILD CARE CENTERS			
1	2	3	4
Age – Child	Number of Children in Age Group	Numerical Weight for Age Group	Required Providers per Age Group (Column 2 x Column 3)
Birth to 3 years	_____ X	(1:1) 1.00	= _____
3 years	_____ X	(1:4) .25	= _____
4 years and 5 years	_____ X	(1:6) .167	= _____
6 years and older	_____ X	(1:12) .083	= _____
TOTAL (Sum of Column 4):			_____

The number in the "TOTAL (Sum of Column 4):" box is the required number of child care providers who can swim that must be present when enrolled children are in the water.