

Camper to Staff Ratios (and Exceptions)

The sponsoring unit shall be responsible for ensuring that the ratio of program staff to program participants reflects the gender distribution of the participants, and, at a minimum, meets the following standards in accordance with the American Camp Association:

Standards for resident camps are:

- One staff member for every five campers ages 4 and 5
- One staff member for every six campers ages 6 to 8
- One staff member for every eight campers ages 9 to 14
- One staff member for every ten campers ages 15 to 17

Standards for day camps are:

- One staff member for every six campers ages 4 and 5
- One staff member for every eight campers ages 6 to 8
- One staff member for every ten campus between ages 9 to 14
- One staff member for every twelve campers ages 15 to 17

Exception to the above ratios may be permitted if Covered Program is abiding by another state agency's regulatory requirement, i.e., Child Parent Development Center may abide by regulations adopted by the Department of Health for child care.