

## Supervision: Ratios are relevant

Discuss with a group or write your responses to the following.

*Before the Vodcast:*

- In childcare, understanding principle elements in supervision practices, such as appropriate staff to child ratios, greatly influences quality care for children. The title of this vodcast states ratios are relevant. Share and discuss what you think this means. In essence, why are ratios relevant?
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- Every caregiver needs to be aware of relevant ratio information and practices that affect their work. If you were asked to make a list of relevant ratio information and practices, what would you include? For example, you might add that ratios vary by the type of child care program. If you are working with others, discuss this and share ideas. Notice similarities or practices that are different. If you are using self-reflection, think about and write your ideas below.
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*After the Vodcast:*

- The vodcast shares ideas and scenarios on what may challenge quality ratio practices, such as a staff member arriving late. The vodcast also shares many ideas and practices to help avoid ratio and supervision pitfalls, such as using good communication. After watching the vodcast, share and discuss what ideas and/or practices you found to be most valuable in supporting ratios, and why.
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