

## **CHILD CARE GUIDELINES**

Grace's child care staff to adhere to the following supervisor-to-child ratios, in accordance with similar guidelines applicable to licensed child care facilities in the District of Columbia:

<b>CHILD'S AGE</b>	<b>ADULT/CHILD RATIO</b>	<b>MAXIMUM # OF CHILDREN IN ROOM</b>
0 - 24 months	1:4	8
12 - 24 months	1:4	8
24 - 30 months	1:4	12
30 months–3 years	1:8	16

Grace has four child care positions, and aspires to have four child care associates on site every Sunday. Absences and unfilled positions occasionally reduce the number of associates on a given Sunday.

Ratio requirements are applied to children in the order they arrive at the child care room prior to services. Once the number of children reaches the maximum number that can be supervised, our child care assistants will advise that they cannot accommodate additional children unless an adult volunteer joins the room to ensure the required ratio. In addition, once the number of children reaches the maximum limit for the room, additional children can only be accommodated if at least two additional volunteers are available to supervise children in a different room. We appreciate parents' understanding of and cooperation with this requirement, as we work to build our children's programs to accommodate the blessing of greater numbers.