



# Department of Early Education and Care

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

## Family Child Care Licensing

### **POLICY STATEMENT: Volunteers, Student Interns and Ratios**

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*7.10 (3)(b): Volunteers and student interns shall not be included in staff: child ratios unless they are at least 16 years of age (in Small and Large Group and School Age Child Care) or at least 18 years of age (in Family Child Care ) and are assigned to the program for at least three months.*

Volunteers and Student Interns who wish to be included in staff to child ratios in a family child care setting, must additionally apply and be approved/certified as a Family Child Care Approved Assistant. Once the approval/certification is granted the individual may be counted in the staff to child ratios.