



## Early Learning and Childcare Facility Inspection Report

Type of Inspection:  
Monitoring Inspection

Pursuant to section 21 of the *Early Childhood Services Act*, operators of licensed early learning and childcare facilities must post their most recent inspection report in a clearly visible and prominent place in the facility.

Name of operator WEST SIDE COOP PRESCHOOL LTD.	Licence Number 256001	Inspection Date October 04, 2024	
Facility Name WEST SIDE COOP PRESCHOOL		Telephone Number (506) 635-8294	
Address 50 Dexter Drive Saint John NB E2M 4M4			
Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Robyn Nelson		Position Title Quality Assurance Monitor	
Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected

### General Comments

A Monitoring Inspection took place on October 2, 2024.

Children were observed engaging in indoor free play, and proper handwashing was noted during their transition indoors. Steps or platforms were provided to help children access regular-sized toilets and sinks.

Educators reported that the children are currently fascinated by the changing seasons and enjoy art projects that reflect the natural world. Both educators and parents were observed using positive language and providing gentle reminders to the children.

The facility has a clearly visible and prominent area for posting the license, current inspection reports, monitoring reports, and compliance orders. The daily routine is posted in each room, evacuation procedures are clearly displayed, and life-threatening allergies are also posted. Upon arrival, parents and children are greeted enthusiastically. The room is set up in an inviting manner, with materials arranged to encourage play. Books that reflect the children's interests have been thoughtfully selected, and well-defined learning and play areas were observed, with several pieces of the children's artwork displayed throughout the facility. A sensory area with sufficient quantities of sand, water, and accessories is available, and the accessories are regularly rotated. Toxic products, including chemical cleaners, are securely locked and inaccessible to children. Drinking water is provided throughout the day.

Daily activities are purposefully planned in the program. Children have ample opportunities to express creativity, explore the arts and sciences, experience accomplishments, solve problems, and develop trusting, respectful, and supportive relationships.

A discussion was held with the Administrator regarding the strengths and needs of the facility. Strengths included the engagement with children, active participation of educators and parent volunteers, the availability of open art easels with paint and paper for the children at any time, and the presence of multiple provocations in the classroom for the children to explore different materials. However, some areas of need were also identified. The large beige carpet is accumulating stains, and it was recommended to perform regular maintenance to keep it clean. Additionally, outdoor time should be incorporated into the daily schedule. The option to have the

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children outside at the end of the morning seems to be working well, and it was suggested to continue offering outdoor time for all morning programs.

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Robyn Nelson

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Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

October 02, 2024

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Date

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Heather Snow

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Signature of Operator/Designate

October 02, 2024

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Date