

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 The Fredericton YMCA Inc.	Licence Number 504002	Inspection Date March 18, 2022	
Facility Name YMCA Nashwaaksis After School Program		Telephone Number (506) 462-3000	
Address 46 Main Street Fredericton NB E3A 1C1			
Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Megan Munden		Position Title Quality Assurance Monitor	

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
21 The daily activities of a licensed facility shall be purposely planned in advance and documented and shall respond to the capabilities, needs and interests of each child and shall include (a) time and space for and a free choice of play experiences for exploration and discovery.	21(a)	Mar 18, 2022	
Comments: Children need to have the ability to choose other activities other than table top activities.			
21 The daily activities of a licensed facility shall be purposely planned in advance and documented and shall respond to the capabilities, needs and interests of each child and shall include (b) indoor and outdoor opportunities for physical activity.	21(b)	Mar 18, 2022	
Comments: The children had no outdoor opportunities for physical activity today.			
22 The daily routine of a licensed facility shall include (a) outdoor play for at least one hour in each four-hour block of time when the majority of children receiving services are in attendance except in the following circumstances: (i) the wind chill is below -20 °C; (ii) the temperature is below -20 °C; or (iii) the temperature is 33 °C with humidity or above.	22(a)	Mar 18, 2022	
Comments: Children had no outdoor time			
28(2) An operator of a licensed facility shall carry out emergency evacuation and fire drills monthly.	28(2)	Mar 18, 2022	
Comments: January and February fire drills have not been completed.			
49(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall ensure that the guidance of the children receiving services at the licensed facility is positive and includes positive reinforcement, encouraging efforts and recognizing accomplishments.	49(1)	Mar 18, 2022	
Comments: Please see general comments			
9(1) The child-to-staff ratio is one educator for each of the following groups of children of the same age receiving services at a full-time or part-time early learning and childcare centre: (a) three infants or fewer; (b) five children or fewer who are two years of age; (c) eight children or fewer who are three years of age; (d) ten children or fewer who are four years of age or older, but who are not yet attending school; and (e) 15 school-age children or fewer.	9(1)	Mar 18, 2022	

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Comments: Ratios were not maintained when the educator had to leave the children unsupervised during pick-up time when parents were arriving.			

General Comments

When I arrived for the monitoring visit, the children were making bracelets.

Despite being within ratio, this facility would strongly benefit from having two staff on site at all times, one of which is a staff with additional experience.

The children and educator were both asking me for help beyond what is normally seen within our roles as Quality Assurance Monitors. The needs of the children outweighed the educator's experience. She required assistance with managing child behaviors, assisting the children with their craft, following protocols for a sick child, and locating the first aid kit. Children were also left unsupervised in the classroom and gym during pick-up time when parents were arriving.

The daily routine of the afternoon did not respond to the needs and interests of the children. Children were required to either color, read books or other table-top activities after the bracelet making craft. Despite two children going to a quiet space on the floor to color, the educator had the children return to the table. When building with Legos in the play tent, children were asked to remain seated after trying to fly around their Lego creations. The program needs to allow for spontaneous activities if children are no longer interested in what is being offered.

I did observe the educator speaking kindly to the children in a low voice and offering praise at times, however, please ensure that child guidance practices remain positive even with challenging behaviors and do not include limiting activities or choices such as listening to music or moving beyond a certain area of the room with materials. It is important to remember that tools such as a red, yellow and green traffic light system of behavior is not best practice and child guidance should include positive reinforcement and encouragement.

The children were not provided any outdoor time today and this is a requirement under Regulations 21(b) and 22(a). The children ate lunch when they arrived from school and then were required to do seated activities, mainly at the table until 3:30 pm. Choices were often limited to reading books or coloring. They did go to the indoor gym but towards the end of the day.

Please remember to complete and record fire drills each month. The last recorded fire drill was in December 2021.

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Megan Munden

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

March 18, 2022

Date

original signed by
Brittany Hunter

Signature of Operator/Designate

March 18, 2022

Date