

Early Learning and Childcare Facility Inspection Report

Type of Inspection:
Renewal Re-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 Fredericton YMCA Inc.	Licence Number 504009	Inspection Date April 07, 2021	
Facility Name YMCA Afterschool Youth Program and Preschool		Telephone Number (506) 462-3000	
Address 570 York Street Fredericton NB E3B 3R2			
Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Tanya Gaudet		Position Title Inspector	

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
11 The qualifications and training requirements for administrators and educators are as follows: (a) an administrator and educators must hold a valid first aid certificate and a valid cardiopulmonary resuscitation certificate;	11(a)	May 17, 2021	
Comments: Administrator is enrolled to re-certify for first aid and CPR in May 2021.			
11(c)(ii) The qualifications and training requirements for administrators and educators are as follows: (c) at a full-time or part-time early learning and childcare centre, (ii) on and after July 1, 2020, (A) at least 50% of educators must hold a one-year Early Childhood Education Certificate or training that is equivalent in the opinion of the Minister, and (B) an administrator must hold a one-year Early Childhood Education Certificate or training that is equivalent in the opinion of the Minister.	11(c)(ii)	Apr 14, 2021	
Comments: The centre will be submitting an exemption request for Regulation 11(c)(ii)(B).			
24(1) For the purposes of subsection 20(1) of the Act, the following records and documents shall be maintained on the premises of a licensed facility: (b) child records that include: (i) the child's name, address, birth date and Medicare number,	24(1)(b)(i)	Apr 14, 2021	
Comments: While reviewing the children's files it was noted that Medicare numbers were listed in the children's files however, the expiry dates were not listed in some files. Please ensure that the expiry dates of the Medicare cards are present in all files.			
24(1) For the purposes of subsection 20(1) of the Act, the following records and documents shall be maintained on the premises of a licensed facility: (b) child records that include: (ii) the name, address and telephone number of the child's medical practitioner.	24(1)(b)(ii)	Apr 14, 2021	
Comments: Upon reviewing the children's files it was noted that the name of the medical practitioner is listed in the children's files however, the contact information needs to also be present in the files. Please ensure that the telephone number, address, as well as, the name of the medical practitioner is listed in the children's files.			
24(1) For the purposes of subsection 20(1) of the Act, the following records and documents shall be maintained on the premises of a licensed facility: (b) child records that include: (iv) the name, address and telephone number of at least two individuals authorized by the child's parent or guardian to pick up the child and to be contacted in case of an emergency if the parent or guardian cannot be reached,	24(1)(b)(iv)	Apr 14, 2021	

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Comments: Licensing staff observed that parents are named as emergency contacts in a number of the children's files and according to the Early Childhood Services Act Regulation 24(1) the name, address and telephone number of at least two individuals authorized by the child's parents or guardian to pick up the child and to be contacted in case of an emergency if the parent or guardian cannot be reached. Please ensure you update this in the children's files.			
24(1) For the purposes of subsection 20(1) of the Act, the following records and documents shall be maintained on the premises of a licensed facility: (b) child records that include: (v) the child's health history and a copy of the record of immunizations or a copy of an exemption.	24(1)(b)(v)	Apr 14, 2021	
Comments: Health history of each child is present in the children's files but proof of immunization records are required to be on file for preschool aged children. Please ensure that all immunization records are present in all of the preschool children's files.			
31(6) The outdoor play area of a full-time or part-time early learning and childcare centre at which services are provided to infants or preschool children shall be enclosed with a fence at least 1.22 m in height with a gate that is secured at all times when the children are present.	31(6)	May 31, 2021	
Comments: The preschool children within this license are utilizing the backyard play ground that is not enclosed by a securely gated fence at least 1.22 m high. Please assign a securely gated fenced in area that is 1.22 m high for the preschool children to utilize while present at the centre.			
47(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall refuse admission to a child if satisfactory proof of the immunizations required by the Public Health Act or the regulations under that Act is not provided.	47(1)	Apr 14, 2021	
Comments: Immunization records or an exemption for immunization prior to the child's entry are required for all preschool children.			
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)	Apr 06, 2021	
Comments: Positive Child Guidance practices need to be used at all times when working with preschool and afterschool children.			

General Comments
<p>Licensing staff was thoroughly screened for Covid -19 upon arrival at the centre.</p> <p>In the preschool classroom, there were invitations of play set up on the tables for the children to explore when they enter the classroom after a swimming activity. The invitations of play were: cut up pool noodles and dinosaurs to explore and use for dramatic play and building purposes. A second table was set up with small bits of paper (a variety of shapes, colours and sizes) along with containers of glue for the children to explore and create. A third table was set up with dishes for dramatic play. When the children entered the classroom they immediately went to the table where the dishes were set up and started to engage in dramatic play with the educator and licensing staff bringing them soup, breakfast and desserts. All of the tables where the invitations of play were visited by the children throughout the morning. Well done!</p> <p>Licensing staff observed numerous pieces of evidence of the children's learning posted on the walls. There were multiple learning stories to accompany the creative masterpieces made by the children. The pieces of art posted were: a collage consisting of feathers yarn, felt pieces, pom-poms, strings of ribbon, small gems and beads. There were also paintings created by the children posted on the walls.</p> <p>Licensing staff also observed the children and educator engage in a planting activity using soil, seeds and planting pots. The children were encouraged to scoop out the soil with a spoon to fill their pots and then drop a seed into the planting pot. Once all of the children had planted their seeds the educator then scaffolded the planting activity to a "loose parts" activity consisting of: a child sized shovel, buttons, a funnel, some rocks and much more for the children to explore. The children were exploring the materials until snack!</p>

General Comments

Later on in the morning, the preschool children went outside to play before getting picked up by their parents. While outside, the children began to play just outside the entrance to the centre (to the right of the building). After a short time, Licensing staff asked if this was the area that the children used for outdoor play? It was relayed to licensing staff that the children usually play in the back yard for outdoor play. Licensing staff observed that the back yard playground is only surrounded by a fence on half of the play yard which is not within regulation according to the Early Childhood Services Act. In Regulation 31(6) of the Early Childhood Services Act it states that the outdoor play area of a full-time and or part-time early learning and childcare centre at which services are provided to infants or preschool children shall be enclosed with a fence at least 1.22 metres in height with a gate that is secured at all times when the children are present.

Licensing staff arrived back from lunch at approximately 12:30pm and when stepping in the classroom it was observed that two afterschool children were being spoken to sternly because of how they walked from their school to the centre. Positive child guidance is required when caring for preschool children as well as afterschool children according to the Early Childhood Services Act. Please ensure that positive child guidance is always followed throughout the day. Speaking in a kind and respectful manner is an effective way to teach safety while walking from the school to the centre.

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Tanya Gaudet

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

April 07, 2021

Date

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Brittany Hunter

Signature of Operator/Designate

April 07, 2021

Date