

Early Learning and Childcare Facility Inspection Report

Type of Inspection:
Renewal 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 Preschool Centre Inc.	Licence Number 508114	Inspection Date April 09, 2024
Facility Name The Preschool Centre on Clark Street		Telephone Number (506) 458-8981
Address 125 Clark Street Fredericton NB E3A 2W8		
Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Laura Casey		Position Title Inspector

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
28(3) The premises of a licensed facility shall comply with (a) lighting, ventilation and other general health standards under the Public Health Act.	28(3)(a)	Apr 09, 2024	
Comments: Please ensure that Diaper Changing Procedures are followed. In the 2-year-old room, an Educator was observed changing children's diapers and did not wash the children's hands before returning to play.			
33(3) An operator of a licensed facility shall complete a monthly review and maintenance plan on all stationary equipment that includes the following information: (a) the review and repair dates; (b) the action required and the action taken; and (c) the name of the staff member who conducted the review.	33(3)	Apr 30, 2024	
Comments: March maintenance not recorded. Please provide proof of maintenance check from April once complete.			
39(2) A licensed facility shall have a separate locked storage space that is inaccessible to the children for each of the following: (a) toxic products, chemical products and cleaning supplies;	39(2)(a)	Apr 09, 2024	Apr 09, 2024
Comments: Toxics were unlocked in the upstairs bathrooms by the 3-year-old room. Administrator locked during inspection. Deficiency is now compliant.			
39(3) Despite paragraph (2)(b), medications administered in cases of anaphylactic shock shall not be stored in a locked space.	39(3)	Apr 09, 2024	Apr 09, 2024
Comments: Please ensure that EpiPens are taken in the first aid backpacks for each individual child who requires during field trips. A discussion took place during inspection with Educators and Administrator. Deficiency is now compliant.			

General Comments

Upon Licensing staff arrival, the 3-year-old room was getting ready to go on a field trip. Children were dressed for the cooler morning weather with hats and mittens and a head count was observed once outside. While waiting in line for the bus, the children played Simon Says with an Educator and gentle reminders were heard about being gentle with friends. The other age groups of children had just finished snack and were getting dressed to go outdoors.

General Comments

While outdoors, the 2-year-old and 4-year-old children were observed using scoops and shovels in the mud kitchen, digging for gemstones in the sand box, climbing through large pipes and using the play structures. Educators were actively engaged with the children, pushing swings, giving hugs, and were spread out to maintain clear lines of sight. In the infant space, children were observed playing on the wooden train play structure, using a little tikes slide, playing with balls and trucks, and were excited when an Educator started to blow bubbles. Kind words of encouragement were heard such as "good job my friend" and "oh big steps, good job!". First aid kits for each age group were taken outdoors and hung on the fence. Please remember to take the attendance sheets outside for each age group.

Indoors, each room was organized and tidy. Play material in each room was age appropriate and easily accessible for children. Each room had children's artwork on display as well as current learning stories posted. Play material such as loose play pieces, wooden play kitchens, books, sensory wall hangings and bins, wooden blocks, and books were all in good condition. Allergies, emergency evacuation procedures and daily routines were posted and clearly visible.

Later in the morning, the children came indoors to play. Children were observed washing their hands before playing and Educators prepared tables and chairs for lunch time. For lunch, the children had tacos, a glass of milk and apple pieces. The food served corresponded with the posted menu and was modified for children with special requirements. After lunch, the floors were swept, and tables were cleaned. Nap cots were prepared and there is evidence of a daily routine as children in each room settled easily for their naps. The napping age rooms were calm and soothing music was played. The 3-year-old and 4-year-old rooms returned outdoors to play.

After nap, children in each age group were observed playing indoors before snack. The infants were playing with musical stand up toys, and dancing and singing with an Educator while the children in the 2,3- and 4-year-old rooms were observed colouring, reading books, dancing and singing with Educators, using sand in a sensory bin with shovels and small dishes, playing with Kinex, blocks, and relaxing in a cozy loft. Positive child guidance was observed throughout the inspection.

The parent board in the entry way was neat and all required documentation was posted. Fire drills are being conducted monthly and Staff and child files were verified and in good order.

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Laura Casey

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

April 09, 2024

Date

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Jennifer Coffin

Signature of Operator/Designate

April 09, 2024

Date