

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 Nancy Muehlhauser	Licence Number 510048	Inspection Date June 29, 2022	
Facility Name Victoria Street Adventureland Day Care		Telephone Number (506) 455-1863	
Address 210 Victoria Street Fredericton NB E3B 1W4			
Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Tanya Gaudet		Position Title Inspector	
Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
12(2) An operator of a licensed facility shall ensure that a criminal record check or a vulnerable sector check, as the case may be, and a check with the Department of Social Development is conducted on each individual before he or she becomes a staff member.	12(2)	Jun 28, 2022	
Comments: While licensing staff was reviewing staff files is noted that one staff file did not have a completed Social Development Check. Please ensure that staff members have a completed Social Development check prior to hiring.			
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: (c) staff member records that include (iii) a description of the staff member's duties and responsibilities.	24(1)(c)(iii)	Jul 08, 2022	
Comments: While inspecting staff files, licensing staff noted that one staff has signed off that they have read and understood their job responsibilities, however; the job description is not in the staff's file. Please ensure that all staff files are complete with all required documentation.			
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: (c) staff member records that include (vi) a copy of a check with the Department of Social Development.	24(1)(c)(vi)	Jun 28, 2022	
Comments: While inspecting staff files, licensing staff noted that one staff member did not have a completed Social Development check. Please ensure that all staff files are complete with all required documentation.			
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)	Jun 28, 2022	

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<p>Comments: While inspecting the emergency fire escape route walkway from the upper level of the licensed facility, licensing staff noted animal feces beside the patio stones leading to the stairs that take you down to the outdoor play area. Licensing staff also noted that the railing on the stairs leading down to the outdoor play area was noticeably wobbly and loose. Please ensure that this area is kept free of animal feces and the railing is secured to maintain the safety of children.</p> <p>Also, licensing staff noted that the tarp that was covering the large sandbox, located on the outdoor playground, was not large enough to completely cover the sandbox. Please ensure that the sandbox is completely covered to deter animals from defecating in it.</p> <p>Licensing staff also noted that the light fixture, located in the two year old classroom, was not covered by the glass shade and a light bulb was missing in one of the sockets. Please ensure that the shades are put back on the light sockets and a light bulb is put back in the socket.</p>			
33(2) Stationary equipment in the outdoor play area shall be surrounded by a protective surfacing and installed according to the manufacturer's instructions.	33(2)	Jul 08, 2022	
<p>Comments: While licensing staff was observing on the outdoor playground, it was noted that the climbing dome did not have 6.6 feet (2.0 metres) of protective surfacing surrounding the climbing dome. According to 33(2) of the Early Childhood Services Act, "stationary equipment in the outdoor play area shall be surrounded by a protective surfacing and installed according to the manufacturer's instructions." The manufacturer's manual for the dome, located on the outdoor play ground, states that the equipment should be placed on level, well-drained ground, not less than 6.6 ft (2.0 metres) from any structure or obstruction such as a fence, garage, house, overhanging branches, laundry lines or electrical wires. Please ensure that there is the recommended protective surfacing surrounding the climbing dome according to the manufacturer's manual.</p> <p>The manufacturer's manual also states that domes are not recommended for commercial use.</p>			
36(6) A cot, a nap mat or the mattress of a crib or portable playpen shall be washable and non-absorbent or covered with a non-absorbent layer.	36(6)	Jul 08, 2022	
<p>Comments: It was noted by licensing staff that the material at the corners of the nap mats were cracking and breaking. Please replace the nap mats.</p>			
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)	Jun 28, 2022	
<p>Comments: While inspecting the basement area, licensing staff noted cleaning supplies that were behind a door with a hook and eye, however; all cleaning supplies and toxic materials are required to be secured behind a locked cabinet or closet to maintain the safety of the children.</p>			

General Comments
<p>Licensing staff arrived at the licensed facility on June 28th, 2022 at 9:30am to conduct the license renewal inspection.</p> <p>The children were engaged in outdoor play activities on the lovely, naturally shaded outdoor play space. Licensing staff observed the children playing in the wooden outdoor classroom, throwing flying discs, engaging in dramatic play, climbing on the little tykes climbing structure, climbing on the dome and balancing and jumping on the tractor tire, as well as, the wooden balance beam.</p> <p>Licensing staff observed Arabic writing on the wooden outdoor classroom and when licensing staff asked the educator the meaning of the words, the educator replied that she wrote the names of the educators. The educator also relayed to licensing staff that the children expressed that they enjoyed seeing their educators' names translated in Arabic at the entrance of the wooden classroom. This is a wonderful example of Diversity and Social Responsibility facet of the New Brunswick Curriculum Framework.</p> <p>The children were given two water breaks while licensing staff were observing the children outdoors.</p>

General Comments

The educators were observed using positive guidance strategies throughout the license inspection visit.

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The manufacturer's manual also states that domes are not recommended for commercial use.

While inspecting the emergency fire escape route walkway from the upper level of the licensed facility, licensing staff noted animal feces beside the patio stones leading to the stairs that take you down to the outdoor play area. Licensing staff also noted that the railing on the stairs leading down to the outdoor play area was noticeably wobbly and loose. Please ensure that this area is kept free of animal feces and the railing is secured to maintain the safety of children.

Also, licensing staff noted that the tarp covering the large sandbox, located on the outdoor playground, was not large enough to completely cover the sandbox. Please ensure that the sandbox is completely covered to deter animals from defecating in it.

Licensing staff also noted that the light fixture, located in the two year old classroom, was not covered by the glass shade and a light bulb was missing in one of the sockets. Please ensure that the shades are put back on the light sockets and a light bulb is put back in the socket.

While inspecting the basement area, licensing staff noted cleaning supplies that were behind a door with a hook and eye, however; all cleaning supplies and toxic materials are required to be secured behind a locked cabinet or closet to maintain the safety of the children.

Most water bottles were labelled with the intended child's name. Please remember to label all water bottles with the intended child's name.

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While inspecting staff files, licensing staff noted that one staff does not have a completed Social Development check. Please ensure that all staff files are complete with all required documentation.

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Tanya Gaudet

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

June 29, 2022

Date

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Operator refused to sign report

Signature of Operator/Designate

June 29, 2022

Date