

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 Northside Day Care Centre Ltd.	Licence Number 522088	Inspection Date December 10, 2024		
Facility Name Northside Daycare Center		Telephone Number (506) 458-9470		
Address 262 Saint Marys Street Fredericton NB E3A 2S4				
Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Laura Casey		Position Title Inspector		
Order for Compliance		Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected

General Comments

Upon Licensing staff arrival for the renewal inspection, the preschool age classrooms were getting ready to go outdoors to play while the infant rooms were preparing for Christmas photos.

The main entry was bright and inviting with a visible parent board and required licensing documentation. The hallways on the main level as well as the lower level had children's artwork and current learning stories on display. Allergy alerts were visibly posted, and monthly planned activity calendars were on bulletin boards. Each classroom was tidy and organized. Play material such as wooden play kitchens with accessories, wooden puzzles, books, blocks and play costumes were in good condition and bins of open-ended material were labelled.

The outdoor play space for the preschool age, school age, as well as infants was fully fenced with latched gates. While outdoors, the preschool children were observed playing on the wooden play structure, using the wooden play kitchen with snow, and building forts with wooden benches and large wooden blocks. Educators with the preschool age group were spread out to maintain clear lines of sight and were actively engaged with the children. Positive child guidance was observed, and kind words of praise and encouragement were heard during a problem-solving moment between friends. In the infant outdoor space, Educators were at the children's level playing in the snow and offering hugs. Music was playing outdoors, and Educators were observed signing with the children and describing a small snowman that had been built. As a reminder, please ensure that slippery ice and packed snow is sanded and or salted during the winter months.

The transition indoors before lunch was smooth. Headcounts were observed when leaving the outdoor space and again when proceeding to classrooms. Outdoor coats, snowpants, boots, hats and mittens were hung up and proper handwashing and diaper changing procedures were followed. Before lunch, tables were cleaned and nap cots or pack n plays were prepared with blankets. During lunch, the children in each room sat together at tables and Educators were observed sitting with the children engaged in conversation. After lunch, the transition to nap/quiet time was calm. Soft music was played, lights were dimmed, and Educators were observed gently rubbing backs to help children fall asleep or rocking infants in a rocking chair. There is evidence of daily routine as transition times throughout the inspection were smooth. Later in the afternoon the 4-year-old children were observed dressing up, building with Lego, playing with dominos, and playing with a magnet fishing

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game. Educators were sitting with the children building Lego and preparing a Christmas craft.

Upon the arrival of the school age children, personal belongings were hung up and outdoor shoes were changed. The school age space was open, organized, and clean. Bins of material were labelled and play material such as Lego, board games, books, doll houses, and art supplies were in good condition.

During inspection, staff and child files were verified and all required documentation was present. Daily attendance forms are being completed, cleaning checklists were in place and first aid kits were on each floor and brought outdoors during play time. Where monthly fire drills are being conducted and evacuation procedures are posted, please ensure that an alternate plan is in place should your classrooms on the upper level and rear of the building require emergency evacuation. It is recommended that a large wagon or stroller be used to assist in evacuating the children who are not yet walking. Where the upper-level hallway is limited in space due to a bench and belongings, a pack n play would be unable to pass through safely. Hallways must be free of clutter or large items to allow for proper passage, especially in case of emergencies.

Licensing staff recommends for renewal pending Fire.

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Laura Casey

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

December 10, 2024

Date

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Sherry Canavan

Signature of Operator/Designate

December 10, 2024

Date