

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 New Maryland Children's Centre Ltd.	Licence Number 2005262	Inspection Date May 14, 2021
Facility Name New Maryland Children's Centre		Telephone Number (506) 457-1551
Address 328 New Maryland Highway New Maryland NB E3C 2H4		
Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Tanya Gaudet		Position Title Inspector

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
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)	May 13, 2021	May 13, 2021
Comments: Deficiency is now compliant			
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)	May 13, 2021	
Comments: Licensing staff observed positive child guidance in all but one classroom while conducting the inspection visit. Please ensure that positive child guidance techniques are used all of the time and with all children.			

General Comments
<p>Upon arrival at the centre, licensing staff was Covid 19 screened. There is a sign on the entrance door that only educators and children are permitted inside the centre to reduce the risk of Covid-19 exposure.</p> <p>Licensing staff began observations in the 2 year old classroom. The educators were engaged and interacted with the children at the children's level. The educators, in this classroom, used positive guidance techniques with the children at all time during the inspection visit. When the children needed assistance to put their outdoor clothing on or help the children open up a snack item, the educators would assist the children if the children could not do it themselves. Evidence of learning, as well as, purposely planned activity schedule were posted on the wall in the classroom. Licensing staff observed a child look and put his hand on a piece of coloured paper, in the shape of an ink blot, attached to the wall beside the table where he was eating, and said the colour, "blue." The piece of paper did in fact have a blue in blot.</p> <p>While observing in the 3 year old classroom, the educators used positive child guidance techniques at all times. When outside playing, the educators encouraged the children explore their environment. Some of the children were searching for worms and slugs while others played with the shopping cart as it was their motor cycle. When the children went back inside they washed up and then went to play at centres that were already set up for them. The reading centre was very popular as the educator was reading to the children in a very expressive voice. The children and educator were also heard singing songs.</p>

General Comments

During the inspection visit, licensing staff observed the 4/5 classroom children play a game of "Doggy With a Bone." The children engaged in this activity and took turns being the one to guess who had the dog bone when they stopped singing. The indoor play environment in the 4/5 classroom was very beautifully set up and inviting to the children to engage in. A majority of the educators in this classroom practiced positive child guidance techniques. Positive child guidance techniques need to be used at all times with the children in care. Educators need to emulate appropriate behaviour and be role models for the children they care for. Please ensure that positive child guidance techniques are being used by all educators at all times and for all children.

At the time of inspection, the toxic materials (cleaning supplies) were locked up in the kitchen however, the kitchen door is a half-door and therefore the materials were not sufficiently locked up and accessible to the children. When this was brought to the attention of the operator, the operator put a keyed lock on the cabinet located inside the kitchen area.

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Tanya Gaudet

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

May 14, 2021

Date

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Jodi Campbell

Signature of Operator/Designate

May 14, 2021

Date