

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 AMY MCEVOY	Licence Number 2010660	Inspection Date April 30, 2024	
Facility Name Little Steps Child Care		Telephone Number (506) 756-3660	
Address 85 Renfrew Street Petitcodiac NB E4Z 4S6			
Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Sarah MacDougall-LeBlanc		Position Title Inspector	
Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
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 (iv) a signed declaration confirming that the staff member has read and understood his or her obligations under the Act and this Regulation.	24(1)(c)(iv)	May 14, 2024	
Comments: 1 staff member's file is missing a copy of their signed statement indicating that they have read and understood the Act and its Regulation. Operator must ensure that this information is added to the staff's file.			
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)	Apr 30, 2024	Apr 30, 2024
Comments: 2 staff member's Social Development check are not placed in their file. The checks were added to the staff's files during the inspection. Deficiency is now compliant			
25 An operator of a licensed facility shall post in a clearly visible and prominent place on the premises: (e) the name and telephone number of the inspector.	25(e)	Apr 30, 2024	Apr 30, 2024
Comments: The name of the Quality Assurance Monitor and the name and telephone number of the Inspector are not posted in a visible and prominent place in the facility. Operator posted this information during the inspection. Deficiency is now compliant			
31(4) An operator shall ensure that the outdoor play area of a licensed facility (b) consists of more than one surface to permit different types of play.	31(4)(b)	May 21, 2024	
Comments: Inspector observed that there is only 1 surface in the outdoor play area for the preschool aged children. A discussion was had with the Operator regarding the plan that will be put in place in order to ensure that this Regulation is met.			
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 30, 2024	Apr 30, 2024
Comments: Inspector found toxic products in the unlocked cabinet underneath the kitchen sink, such as Pine-Sol, Gone Goo and a bottle of shaving cream. All toxic products must be placed under lock and key. This was addressed with an educator and Operator placed these under lock and key. Deficiency is now compliant			

General Comments

During the renewal inspection, inspector observed morning snack, indoor and outdoor play as well as the rest period. Inspector observed documentation of children learnings via photos on the walls, learning stories as well as documentation of group activities.

Inspector observed that the potty training seats are placed on the washroom floor. Inspector recommends that these be placed off the floor when not in use. Operator confirmed that there are hooks for the seats and will ensure that these are placed on their respective hooks.

Inspector also observed that toothbrushes are stored near the diaper changing area in the washroom. Inspector recommends that Operator contact Public Health in order to ensure that the toothbrushes are permitted to be stored near the diaper changing area. The toothbrushes are placed in manner that they are separated from each other, facing up and with a cover on the bristles.

A conversation was had between the Operator and the Inspector regarding ensuring that children who do not sleep during the rest period are given a separate space in the classroom for quiet activities. Should the parents wish that a child's rest period exceed 2 hours, written consent must be obtained by the parents.

The license cannot be renewed until the Inspector is provided with a new copy of the general liability coverage once it is received by the Operator. The general liability coverage is still valid until the end of May 2024.

Ratio is respected during the inspection.

original signed by

Sarah MacDougall-LeBlanc

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

April 30, 2024

Date

original signed by

Amy McEvoy

Signature of Operator/Designate

April 30, 2024

Date