

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 May 23, 2025	
Facility Name Little Steps Child Care		Telephone Number (506) 756-3660	
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Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Celina Boudreau Chiasson		Position Title Quality Assurance Monitor	
Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
10(1) The number of educators that are required for a group of children of mixed ages receiving services at a full-time or part-time early learning and childcare centre is calculated as follows: (a) by multiplying the number of children of the same age by the corresponding factor set out in Schedule A; and (b) by adding the results obtained under paragraph (a).	10(1)	May 23, 2025	May 23, 2025
<p>Comments: During the renewal inspection, the Quality Assurance Monitor asked a staff member how many children were present in the group. The staff member stated that 15 children were present at that time and provided the ages of those 15 children for the purpose of ratio calculations. A few minutes later, the Quality Assurance Monitor verified the attendance record sheet and counted 16 children marked as present. The Quality Assurance Monitor then asked a staff member if 16 children were present, and the staff member responded that it might be possible. The staff member proceeded to count the children and confirmed that 16 children were present. All staff members must be aware of the number of children in their group at all times throughout the day. Deficiency is now compliant</p>			
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 (vii) a copy of a valid first aid certificate and a valid cardiopulmonary resuscitation certificate for each administrator and educator.	24(1)(c)(vii)	May 30, 2025	May 23, 2025
<p>Comments: During the renewal inspection, the Quality Assurance Monitor observed that the copy of the first aid certificate/cardiopulmonary resuscitation certificate in one staff member file is expired. All staff members files must include a copy of a valid first aid certificate and a valid cardiopulmonary resuscitation certificate. The operator immediately inserted a valid copy in the file. Deficiency is now compliant</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)	May 23, 2025	May 23, 2025
<p>Comments: During the renewal inspection, the Quality Assurance Monitor observed 2 unlocked bottles of fragrance spray in the kitchen, which is separated from the indoor play area with a gate. All toxic products, chemical products and cleaning supplies must be locked and inaccessible to children. One staff member immediately placed the 2 bottles of fragrance spray in a locked cabinet. Deficiency is now compliant</p>			
8(2) The maximum number of children who may receive services at a full-time or part-time early learning and childcare centre, as indicated on the licence, shall not exceed 60 children, including the children of the operator.	8(2)	May 23, 2025	May 23, 2025

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Comments: When the Quality Assurance Monitor arrived on site for the renewal inspection, 16 preschool children were present. The licence permits a maximum of 15 preschool children. The number of children must not exceed the licensed capacity of 15 preschool children. A staff member immediately contacted the operator, and shortly after a parent came to pick up their child, reducing the number of preschool children to 15. Deficiency is now compliant			

General Comments

The Quality Assurance Monitor is on site for the renewal inspection.

The Quality Assurance Monitor is present during indoor play, lunch, nap, and snack time.

The Quality Assurance Monitor observed the children dancing to music. The Quality Assurance Monitor also observed staff members enhancing children's language development through circle time. During the nursery rhymes, staff members asked the children open questions and continued the group discussion based on the children's responses.

The Quality Assurance Monitor had a discussion with the operator regarding the professional learning hours that certain staff members must complete by May 31, 2025. The Operator is responsible for ensuring that all eligible staff members have completed 10 hours of professional learning during the renewal year.

The ratio is respected during the visit.

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 Celina Boudreau Chiasson

 Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

May 28, 2025

 Date

original signed by
 Amy McEvoy

 Signature of Operator/Designate

May 28, 2025

 Date