

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 Amanda Nicholson	Licence Number 2012229	Inspection Date May 05, 2025	
Facility Name Amanda's House		Telephone Number (506) 260-9093	
Address 150 Jessica Street Richibucto Road NB E3A 6S5			
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 children were playing freely in the main room while waiting for another child to arrive. Upon arrival of the next child, the Operator was observed greeting them at the main door and welcoming them indoors.

The entry way of the early learning and childcare home was bright and inviting with children's self portraits, family photos, artwork, and learning stories on display. Personal belongings were organized in the main closet along with the parent board which contained all required licensing documentation. The main room was tidy, and material was in good condition. There was music playing throughout the morning and elements of nature were incorporated throughout the space. Additional children's artwork such as marble rolling and ocean drawings were on display and art supplies were organized along the window. Before morning snack, children were observed playing at a wooden play kitchen, with sensory sand, tractors, and helping the Operator feed the fish.

Before morning snack, proper handwashing and diaper changing procedures were observed. For snack, the children and Operator sat together at the table in the main entry way. The Operator was heard asking the children what they did over the weekend and positive words of encouragement were heard asking the children to have a couple more bites before story time. After snack, the Operator read two stories to the children. An animated tone of voice and engaging questions captured the attention of the children and tied in learning about birds into the morning activities. After story time, the Operator asked the children to tidy up their toys and get ready to go outdoors. Clip boards and crayons were taken outdoors to look and listen for birds in the outdoor play space. The outdoor play space offers ample natural shade from trees, trails in the forest with a fort, a slide, a space for water and mud play, as well as natural stepping stumps and planter boxes for gardening. It was evident that children were aware of their surroundings as well as the outdoor space boundaries. The Operator was actively engaged with the children providing learning opportunities with nature, decision making and problem solving.

During inspection, child profiles were verified, and all required documentation was present. Monthly fire drills are being conducted, and the daily attendance form was completed. The emergency evacuation plan was clearly posted, and professional development hours were completed.

General Comments
Licensing staff recommends for renewal.

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