

Early Learning and Childcare Facility Inspection Report

Type of Inspection:
Monitoring 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 Sherrie Struble	Licence Number 2013651	Inspection Date January 17, 2023	
Facility Name Magnetic Hill Academy		Telephone Number (506) 961-6494	
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Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Erika Hickey		Position Title Quality Assurance Monitor	
Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
21 The daily activities of a licensed facility shall be purposely planned in advance and documented and shall respond to the capabilities, needs and interests of each child.	21	Mar 03, 2023	
<p>Comments: The Quality Assurance Monitor requested to see the purposely planned and documented programming. The operator was able to show documentation from February 2022 but was unable to provide current purposeful planning or share what the children are going to be doing this week or the upcoming weeks. The operator shared that the children have done a polar bear paint craft and a snowflake craft last week. The operator shared that the children went to play outside during the snowstorm and have recently been sledding. A small whiteboard on the front door is used by the operator to write what the children did that day to inform the parents of what they have done. The operator also shared that they send photos to parents of the children during the day and that they have a Facebook page where they share what the children have been doing. The Quality Assurance Monitor had a discussion regarding the important of documenting children's learning and experiences. The Quality Assurance recognizes that it can be difficult in Early Childhood Homes where there is one sole educator and understand that verbal communication is a very accessible way to communicate the children's learning to the families. However, it is important that the operator find ways to document and record the learning for the children so that children are able to see that they are learners within the Early Childhood Home.</p> <p>The daily activities of a licensed facility must be purposely planned and documented and must respond to the capabilities, needs and interests of each child. In order to provide a quality childcare service for children, the daily activities offered should include a variety of activities that are purposefully planned.</p> <p>The operator must be able to demonstrate that they have developed ways to purposefully plan and document in order to comply with this element. Time will be provided to test strategies and methods until the operator can demonstrate that they have found their methods.</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: (f) daily attendance records of the children on forms provided by the Minister.	24(1)(f)	Jan 17, 2023	Jan 17, 2023

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<p>Comments: The Quality Assurance Monitor observed that the operator brought the children outside for the outdoor free play and that the attendance records were left inside the house. The Quality Assurance Monitor had a discussion with the operator regarding the importance of having the attendance records with the group at all times. The operator shared that they bring the attendance records when they go on walks and during outings but that they did not think that they needed them while outside. The attendance record must be brought when the group is leaving the facility and must also be taken out of the facility whenever children leave the building. Section 6.2.5 of the Operator Manual can be consulted for more details regarding attendance record requirements. The operator has validated that they will start bringing their attendance records outside. 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)	Jan 17, 2023	Jan 17, 2023
<p>Comments: A bottle of hairspray was observed by the sink in the washroom. Since the bottle has a WHIMIS symbol and constitutes a toxic product, this product must be locked and inaccessible to the children. The operator placed the bottle in the locked cabinet. The Operator must ensure that all toxic products, chemical products, and cleaning supplies and products are locked so that they are kept out of reach. The operator should review the Operator Manual Early Learning and Childcare Homes Section 9.2.5 Storage Space. Deficiency is now compliant</p>			

General Comments
<p>The Quality Assurance Monitor is on-site for a monitoring inspection. The Quality Assurance Monitor was on-site during the indoor, outdoor free play and during lunch time.</p> <p>The ratio was respected at all times during the inspection and the operator was observed playing with the children and engaging in discussions with the children. The operator was promoting social skills with the children and promoting collaboration and caring of others. The operator placed some music and the children danced on bubble wrap to the rhythm of the songs.</p> <p>During the outdoor free play, the children played with sleds and shovels in the snow. The operator used a wooden sled to walk with the infants while supervising the other children at play.</p> <p>The Quality Assurance monitor was on-site to verify the purposeful planning and documentation of the programming. Following discussions with the operator regarding these elements, the Quality Assurance Monitor recommends that the operator consults the Operator Manual Section 7: Programming and Daily Routine, The Early Learning and Childcare Curriculum Framework Professional Support Document: Learning and Relating Through Pedagogical Documentation and the Early Learning and Childcare Homes New Brunswick Curriculum Framework for Early Learning and Child Care for additional information of purposeful planning and documenting. The operator can also contact their Early Learning Consultant to receive more resources regarding purposeful planning and documentation.</p> <p>The Quality Assurance Monitor also had a discussion with the operator regarding their progress with the designation requirement of 10 hours of professional development per licensing year since we are at the halfway point of the licensing year. The operator confirmed that they are currently enrolled in some Professional Development opportunities and that they might have already completed the 10 hours. The operator has confirmed that they have had no trouble getting into the sessions and getting opportunities to complete this requirement.</p>

original signed by
Erika Hickey

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

January 17, 2023

Date

original signed by
Sherrie Struble

Signature of Operator/Designate

January 17, 2023

Date