New Nouveau Brunswick

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		Inspection Date
Jennifer Curtis		November 17, 2026
Facility Name		**Licence Number**
L'il Critters Early Learning and Care		2014027
Address		**Telephone Number**
Unit 2 1400 Water St Miramichi NB E1N 1A4		(506) 622-3200
Type of Facility	**Maximum Number of Children**	**Ages of Children**
Full-time Early Learning and Child Care Centre	25	PRESCHOOL SCHOOL-AGE
ELCC Licensing Staff	**Position Title**	
Rachelle Roy Arseneau	Quality Assurance Monitor	

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
31(3) An operator shall maintain the outdoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children.	31(3)	Nov 24, 2026	
Comments: In the outdoor play area, which is primarily used by preschool and school-aged children, there are two picnic tables that are damaged. They must be removed from the outdoor play area, as they pose a risk of injury to children. There are also various loose equipment parts scattered. These items must also be removed or stored in a manner that ensures they do not pose any danger to children			

General Comments

-Early afternoon visit to the establishment for an unexpected monitoring inspection
-Ratio was respected during the visit
-The designated diaper-changing areas are in the bathrooms within each classroom; individual space is provided for diapers and changing necessities. During the diaper-changing routine, a changing pad covered with a non-absorbent layer is placed directly on the floor. It is separated from the food preparation and is located one meter or less from a sink and children are always supervised during diaper changing. Diaper changing procedures are posted in the washroom
-Each child has an easily accessible space to store their personal belongings, which is labeled with their name and used only for the intended child.
-During the visit, it was observed that the staff are engaged with the children, at their level providing support and having conversations. Open-end questions are asked and guidance is given in a respectful and kind way
-No hot beverages were found during the visit, but a reminder was given to the operator that hot beverages must be kept in a sealed cup to be permitted in areas where children are present
-A first-aid kit and a telephone are available on-site, as well as during excursions outside of the daycare premises.
-While on outings, staff always bring a paper copy of the children's emergency contacts in case of emergency and/or in case there is no cellular service.
-The following administrative records are maintained on site: Financial records, daily attendance of children and staff, monthly emergency evacuation fire drills, smoke alarm, smoke detectors and fire extinguisher inspection and maintenance records
-Monthly emergency evacuation and fire drills are completed
-To ensure the children's safety, a review of the outside space is completed daily
-It was noted during the visit that reference should be made to CSA standards to verify whether the hand-built

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structure, which includes a slide, requires a protective surfacing area. At present, there is no protective surfacing installed beneath the structure. -Each cot is stored so there is no contact with another napping equipment and are disinfected on both sides after each use -Infants that are less than 15 months have a designated crib or playpen which meets cribs, playpen regulations. -Staff confirms that all bedding material is washed weekly by the parents -When the cots are set up for nap time, the required 46 cm spacing between each cot is maintained Observations: When arriving at the center all children were down for nap time, some were just having a quiet time, educators were attending to them either by reading a story or playing table games.

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Rachelle Roy Arseneau — November 17, 2026

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff — Date

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Twyla Fleiger — November 17, 2026

Signature of Operator/Designated staff — Date

"I hereby acknowledge receipt of this report"