

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 Little Land Learning Centre Inc.	Licence Number 2018342	Inspection Date March 29, 2023
Facility Name Little Land Learning Centre		Telephone Number (506) 458-5552
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Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Sabrina Diotte		Position Title Inspector

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
11.1(1) An operator of a designated facility shall, when providing services to infants or preschool children, use a curriculum established by the Minister for the language in which services are provided.	11.1(1)	Apr 05, 2023	
Comments: There is no evidence that the New Brunswick Curriculum Framework is being used. All staff must review the Curriculum and the implementation of the New Brunswick Curriculum Framework is required.			
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	Apr 05, 2023	
Comments: There was no evidence of purposely planned programming in respect to the NB Curriculum. The children today were doing a Shamrock craft for St Patrick's day, however, did not have green glitter or paint to do their art project and the paint brushes they were using with dry and in poor condition. If programming was pre-planned, then the children should have all the necessary materials to complete their project.			
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 and shall include (b) indoor and outdoor opportunities for physical activity.	21(b)	Apr 05, 2023	
Comments: We arrived at the centre at 9 a.m. and left at 11:30. The children did not go outside during the time we were there, and the outdoor playground was covered in snow. As per regulation, children need to go outside for one hour in each 4-hour block, including infants. The weather this morning did not meet the exemption noted in regulation 22(a).			
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 and shall include (c) opportunities (ii) to explore various forms of literacy.	21(c)(ii)	Apr 05, 2023	
Comments: Although there are books in each classroom, many were not age appropriate, in poor condition, in too large a quantity and not displayed properly to attract the children's interest. All books' shelves must be cleaned out, all damaged books removed and replaced with new age-appropriate books and arranged in a way as recommended by the NB Curriculum Framework.			
Other forms of literacy materials must be added in all classrooms such as materials for children to learn the the alphabet, numbers, colours, etc.			
In addition, as per the NB Curriculum Framework, toy bins and play areas should be labelled with words and photos. Although there were some labels, the labels were not on all items, were ripped and peeling off.			

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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 and shall include (c) opportunities (iii) to express creativity and interests.	21(c)(iii)	Apr 05, 2023	
<p>Comments: There is an excessive number of plastic toys and battery-operated toys. Children must be provided with loose parts, open-ended materials and materials that allows them to be creative and imaginative in their learning experience. I did observe some costumes, many of the pretend play toys did not have accessories for them.</p> <p>New materials must be added to each room that is recommended by the NB Curriculum Framework to meet the children creative needs.</p>			
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 and shall include (c) opportunities (iv) to explore the arts and sciences.	21(c)(iv)	Apr 05, 2023	
<p>Comments: There were no materials for science learning in any of the classrooms. Science materials must be added in all rooms.</p> <p>Age-appropriate art and crafts materials must be added in all rooms must also be accessible to children and properly organized so they can see what's available to them. Materials provided to the children must be functional and in good repair.</p>			
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 and shall include (c) opportunities (v) to experience accomplishment and success.	21(c)(v)	Apr 05, 2023	
<p>Comments: I observed limited interaction and conversations between the staff and the children. Therefore, I did not hear any conversations between the children and educators about success, accomplishments or achievements. Staff must be engaged with children.</p>			
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 and shall include (c) opportunities (vi) to problem-solve.	21(c)(vi)	Apr 05, 2023	
<p>Comments: Very limited materials to allow for problem solving. Most toys are electronics. New materials must be added in all classrooms that are recommended by the NB Curriculum Framework that would allow the children the ability to problem solve such has sorting games, matching games, puzzles, etc.</p> <p>Although some puzzles were observed, they were missing pieces.</p>			
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 and shall include (c) opportunities (vii) to develop trusting, respectful and supportive relationships with educators and children.	21(c)(vii)	Apr 05, 2023	
<p>Comments: During my visit today, the interaction between staff and children was limited. Some staff were observed having little to no interaction or conversation with children. Staff should be engaged with children in play and in conversation, interacting with them, talking about their learning and discoveries.</p>			
30(3) An operator shall maintain the indoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children.	30(3)	Apr 05, 2023	

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<p>Comments: The centre is not clean, unorganized and cluttered. All rooms must be deep cleaned, floors swept and washed. All carpets must be vacuumed and washed as per Public Health guidelines. All costumes and plush toys must be washed as per Public Health guidelines. All interlocking mats are heavily soiled and must be discarded or replaced. It was evident that the floors were not being swept under those interlocking mats. The nap rooms must be cleaned, decluttered and organized. All shelving and toys must be cleaned and disinfected. All walls have stains, marks and chips; therefore, the walls need to be painted. There is a very strong smell of dirty diapers in the Centre and therefore, proper garbage cans are needed to ensure the smell is kept locked inside the garbage or a better system of disposing dirty diapers is required. There is a very strong sour smell in the infant area. I believe this may be coming from the bathroom. This concern will be sent to Public Health for review.</p>			
<p>32(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall provide indoor play area materials and equipment that are (a) varied and in sufficient quantity for the number and ages of the children receiving services at the licensed facility.</p>	32(1)(a)	Apr 05, 2023	
<p>Comments: Although there appears to be a large quantity of toys and materials. Many are broken and in poor condition. Many of the toys are also not complete such as doll houses with no dolls or accessories, a farmhouse with no animals, a work bench with no tools, a kitchen with no food or kitchen appliances, missing puzzle pieces or board games with missing parts.</p> <p>Toys and materials provided to children must be clean and in good repair. All broken toys and toys that don't serve a purpose, must be removed and replaced with toys and materials recommended by the NB Curriculum Framework.</p>			
<p>32(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall provide indoor play area materials and equipment that are (d) clean and in good repair.</p>	32(1)(d)	Apr 05, 2023	
<p>Comments: Many toys were broken, in poor condition, missing pieces, and most battery operating toys were not working either due to being broken or dead batteries.</p> <p>All broken toys must be removed and replaced with materials recommended by NB Curriculum Framework such has more natural elements and less plastic and battery-operated toys.</p>			
<p>36(1) A full-time early learning and childcare centre and an early learning and childcare home shall have a rest area.</p>	36(1)	Apr 05, 2023	
<p>Comments: One of the nap rooms is currently being used as a storage room. The room must be cleaned and put back into a nap room or a change in service form must be submitted to change the room into a room approved for 15 months and above only as that age group does not require a separate nap room.</p>			
<p>36(3) The rest area of a full-time early learning and childcare centre and an early learning and childcare home shall be equipped with the following: (a) a crib or portable playpen for each child under 15 months of age in accordance with the Cribs, Cradles and Bassinets Regulations and the Playpens Regulations under the Canada Consumer Product Safety Act (Canada).</p>	36(3)(a)	Apr 05, 2023	
<p>Comments: The playpen being used is stained and has a rip on the side mesh. The playpen needs to be replaced.</p>			
<p>36(7) A nap mat shall be at least 5 cm in thickness and stored in a way that avoids contact with the surface of another nap mat or disinfected on both sides after each use.</p>	36(7)	Apr 05, 2023	
<p>Comments: Mats for napping are being stored in large bags, however, the bags do not cover the entire mat and so mats are touching and so are the sheets. In addition, sleeping materials such has blankets are also being stored together and not separated. All nap equipment must be stored separately for each child.</p>			
<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;</p>	39(2)(a)	Apr 05, 2023	
<p>Comments: The staff room was unlocked and there were toxic products in that room in one of the lower cabinets. In addition, the room doesn't lock. Toxic products must be locked by key.</p>			
<p>39(2) A licensed facility shall have a separate locked storage space that is inaccessible to the children for each of the following: (b) medications.</p>	39(2)(b)	Apr 05, 2023	

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Comments: There was Tylenol in the fridge located inside one of the nap rooms in the infant area that was not locked. Medication must be locked by key.			
41(2) Despite subsection (1), a changing mat used exclusively for diaper changing may be used as a surface for diaper changing for children who are at least 15 months of age.	41(2)	Apr 05, 2023	
Comments: The changing table in the infant room has been broken for a few weeks and has not been replaced. There are children under 15 months and therefore, a new change table is required. At the moment a change mat is being used and not suitable for children under 15 months.			
46(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall only administer medication to a child receiving services at the licensed facility in the following cases: (c) if the medication is not prescribed, the medication is (i) in the original container with the original label, (ii) in a container with child protective caps (iii) labelled with the child's name and the dosage.	46(1)(c)	Apr 05, 2023	
Comments: The Tylenol bottle found in the infant room was not labelled.			
48(3) An operator of a licensed facility shall provide weekly menus to a parent or guardian of a child at least three days in advance of serving the food and shall modify the food served in the case of special nutritional requirements of a child.	48(3)	Feb 09, 2023	Mar 15, 2023
Comments: Deficiency is now compliant			
6.4(2) The operator shall implement and monitor the quality improvement plan and revise it each year.	6.4(2)	Apr 05, 2023	
Comments: Many elements of the quality improvement plans have not been met.			

General Comments

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March 29, 2023

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