

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 February 27, 2024	
Facility Name Little Land Learning Centre		Telephone Number (506) 458-5552	
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Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Jennifer Godin		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	Feb 23, 2024	Feb 27, 2024
Comments: Deficiency is now compliant			
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)	Feb 23, 2024	Feb 27, 2024
Comments: Deficiency is now compliant			
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)	Feb 23, 2024	Feb 27, 2024
Comments: Deficiency is now compliant			
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)	Feb 27, 2024	Feb 27, 2024
Comments: Deficiency is now compliant The mandatory attendance record forms are being used but did not reflect the number of children present during today's follow up inspection. There were three children present in Baby Boulevard at time of follow up inspection, but none were signed in. Educator made appropriate changes to classroom attendance sheet when the issue was brought to her attention.			
29 An operator of a licensed facility shall ensure that the traffic area and the outdoor walk-ways of the licensed facility are free from obstructions and hazards.	29	Mar 01, 2024	

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<p>Comments: Observed play and construction materials that appear to have been randomly thrown/stacked on either side of storage room off of Baby Boulevard. Educator and infants from Baby Boulevard are exiting their classroom to go outside through the storage room door. Storage room must be cleaned out and organized in a safe manner to ensure safety of staff and children who are passing through.</p> <p>This was given a comply-by date of February 9, 2024, and remains in non-compliance today.</p>			
30(3) An operator shall maintain the indoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children.	30(3)	Feb 09, 2024	Feb 27, 2024
<p>Comments: Deficiency is now compliant</p>			
31(3) An operator shall maintain the outdoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children.	31(3)	Feb 09, 2024	Feb 27, 2024
<p>Comments: Deficiency is now compliant</p>			
32(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall provide indoor play area materials and equipment that are (b) arranged on low, open shelves and accessible to the children receiving services at the licensed facility,	32(1)(b)	Mar 01, 2024	
<p>Comments: There is a picture on a shelf in Adventure Island where mark making material should be, but materials were not present at time of follow-up inspection.</p> <p>This was given a comply-by date of February 23, 2024, and remains in non-compliance today.</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)	Feb 27, 2024	
<p>Comments: During naptime in Lullaby Lane, the bathroom door was observed to be open. Observed a cup labelled and filled with powdered "floor cleaner", along with a container of "Draino". If toxic products are going to be kept in bathroom, the bathroom door my remain closed and locked at all times.</p> <p>This was noted during monitoring inspection dated February 9, 2024 with a comply-by date of February 9, 2024 and remains in non-compliance today.</p>			
40(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall ensure that personal belongings of a child receiving services at the licensed facility that are brought to the licensed facility, including combs, brushes, toothbrushes, towels, washcloths, bedding, pacifiers and soothers, are (c) stored separately for each child.	40(1)(c)	Mar 01, 2024	
<p>Comments: Children's personal belongings from Lullaby Lane were observed to be piled together on floor in the nap room by the door.</p> <p>As discussed during renewal inspection dated December 5, 2023 and during facility's monitoring visit dated February 9, 2024, children's belongings must be put on their hooks/in their baskets. If educators are having a difficult time ensuring the children's belongings are properly hung up in the back of the room, it is recommended that the hooks and shelving unit with their baskets be moved to the entrance of the nap room wall inside the playroom.</p> <p>This was given a comply-by date of February 23, 2024 and remains in non-compliance today.</p>			
48(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall serve (c) drinking water throughout the day.	48(1)(c)	Feb 09, 2024	Feb 27, 2024
<p>Comments: Deficiency is now compliant</p>			
48(4) If an infant is receiving services at a licensed facility, the operator shall (d) ensure that each bottle is stored with a cover in the refrigerator.	48(4)(d)	Feb 09, 2024	Feb 27, 2024
<p>Comments: Deficiency is now compliant</p>			

General Comments

Children from Baby Boulevard were already outside playing when Quality Assurance Monitor arrived for today's follow up inspection. Children were schedule to come in at a certain time, but educator followed the children's lead and stayed outside longer because children were having fun dancing to the music that one of the preschool educator's brought out with them.

General Comments

While outside, educators were observed singing and dancing with children.

All educators were able to provide evidence of daily planning at time of follow up inspection.

All children were observed to be in their assigned rooms at time of follow-up inspection. Only time children were combined with a different room was during a one-hour period for programming purposes.

Screws in infant room that were sticking out from the wall have been removed.

Both baby gates in Lullaby Land and Baby Boulevard have been replaced and are now able to be properly opened.

Observed children's water bottles being taken outside with them.

All infant bottles observed in fridge had their own cover.

Infant gate is now able to be properly closed and latched.

Area around shade structure in preschool outside play space remains a little icy, staff are aware and are working towards rectifying the situation. Administrator informed Quality Assurance Monitor that more salt will be added along with additional supervision measures to ensure children's safety.

Quiet time was observed to be chaotic in the Silly Street classroom, with children screaming and running around the room while others were sleeping. It is recommended that the quiet time routine be revised for this room.

A reminder that opens ended play materials and equipment in sufficient quantity and variety for the size of the group and representative of each of the following categories is present for each classroom, for example:

- art materials including loose parts
- blocks and accessories
- language and literacy
- dramatic play
- music and movement
- large muscle (gross motor)
- manipulative and fine motor
- sand and water play
- puzzles and games
- materials that support mathematical learning
- materials that support learning in science and technology

For more information regarding play materials and equipment, operators can consult the Curriculum Framework used at the facility or appendix 24 – "Equipment and Materials for School-age Children" in the Operator Manual.

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Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

February 27, 2024

Date

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Nicolle LeBlanc

Signature of Operator/Designate

February 27, 2024

Date