

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 May 22, 2025	
Facility Name Little Land Learning Centre		Telephone Number (506) 458-5552	
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Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Angela Tozer		Position Title Quality Assurance Monitor	
Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
28(3) The premises of a licensed facility shall comply with (a) lighting, ventilation and other general health standards under the Public Health Act.	28(3)(a)	May 16, 2025	May 22, 2025
Comments: Deficiency is now compliant			
30(3) An operator shall maintain the indoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children.	30(3)	Feb 14, 2025	
Comments: A shelf in the two-year old room is down to the bare wood and needs to be replaced and repaired as paint is chipping creating a safety concern. This issue has continued for several monitoring inspections and need to be rectified.			
31(3) An operator shall maintain the outdoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children.	31(3)	May 16, 2025	
Comments: The balance beam in the outdoor area needs to be anchored down as it flips easily when any weight is placed on the end and is not sturdy for balancing on. There are screws exposed on the boards around the playground and need to be removed or corrected. Please ensure the outdoor play area is clean and safe from hazards. Some of the outdoor resources are dirty and need a cleaning. Keep an eye on garbage piling up behind playground. Regular clean-ups are important for children's health and safety and the aesthetics of the environment.			
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.	32(1)(a)	Feb 21, 2025	
Comments: A continued non-compliance over the last four monitoring inspections has been the lack of resources in each room. In some rooms, there are less than 15 books on the shelf with no relation to one another and not representing the identities or interests of the children. Books are ripped, falling apart, and not always age appropriate for the children. Some of the large resources such as kitchens and tables have evidence of damage and reduced quality. Supplementary materials, such as a variety of food, pots, pans, and kitchen utensils should be included with a kitchen. A whole shelf of empty food boxes is being used for groceries showing damage to some boxes, this should be cleaned out and replenished with additional items. In many rooms, there is only one item such as a car or no clothes for dolls/Barbies. Resources should meet the needs, interests, and number of children in each room.			

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Comments: Ensure resources are brought outside to expand on curriculum areas. For example, information books paper, and writing materials can allow children to look up interests such as bugs and document their own images and thoughts.			

General Comments

When licensing staff arrived, the staff-to-child ratio was met in each room. The monitoring inspection was completed to follow-up on non-compliances noted on previous monitoring inspections. The educators mentioned they were asked to create a list of needed resources for each classroom but as of yet, they have not received them. Each room and the outdoor space are lacking resources to support curriculum and engage children. As the environment is the third teacher, ensuring that the curriculum areas are represented and there are enough resources in the space is critical.

Educators shared with licensing staff their weekly plans showing purposeful planning and documentation posted throughout the rooms. The educator and inclusion support worker in the three-year-old room were excited to share their plans on "visiting" different countries on a "plane" and learning about cultures, dress, and customs. Discussions with each educator regarding curriculum included providing more open-ended activities and documenting learning in multiple ways such as photos, quotes, learning stories, webbing, etc. Educators mentioned not having a way to take photos all the time as they have to ask the administrator to take photos. It is important for educators to have access to a device/camera to take photos at all times to capture moments of learning.

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Angela Tozer

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

May 26, 2025

Date

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Tabatha Estabrooks

Signature of Operator/Designate

May 26, 2025

Date