

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 YMCA OF GREATER SAINT JOHN INC.	Licence Number 2019532	Inspection Date February 08, 2024	
Facility Name YMCA Regional Field House Child Care Centre		Telephone Number (506) 646-2102	
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Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Britta Garnett		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 26, 2024	
Comments: Three/Fours Room: Purposeful planning not evident through documentation. Planning and documentation within environment not current during inspection. Purposeful planning to be visible through documentation throughout the environment. Examples of documentation to be added, but not limited to webs, learning stories, questions, children's words, planning, photos, etc.			
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 12, 2024	
Comments: Three/Fours Room: Attendance not completed at arrival. Each child must be signed in at arrival. Three/Fours Room & Two/Threes Room: Child from three/fours room not signed out and signed in on attendance when switching rooms for nap time. Ensure attendance forms are updated to reflect napping children.			
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)	Feb 26, 2024	
Comments: Washing Machine - accumulating mold inside causing laundry to have an odor. Mold to be removed or washing machine to be replaced. Discussed with administrator during inspection.			
31(3) An operator shall maintain the outdoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children.	31(3)	Feb 19, 2024	
Comments: Preschool Outdoor Play Area: Outdoor play areas ice covered; hazard noted by QA Monitor during inspection. QA Monitor closed outdoor play area until the play area could be sanded. Ensure sand is accessible to staff when conditions become icy during outdoor play. Discussed with administrator during inspection.			
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)	Mar 04, 2024	

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<p>Comments: Two/Threes Room: Painting opportunities not accessible. Easel, paper and paint to be added.</p> <p>Three/Fours Room: Playdoh not accessible with Playdoh accessories. To be added. Painting opportunities not accessible. Paper and paint to be added. Sensory opportunities not accessible to children - sensory bin closed at time of inspection.</p> <p>Three/Fours Room and Fours Room: Art materials depleted. A variety of open-ended art materials must be accessible to the children. Art materials to be replenished daily. Examples of materials to include, but are not limited to: variety of paper in colours, textures and sizes, paint, paint brushes, paint rollers, mark making materials, glue, tape, feathers, tissue paper, cardboard tubes, fabric, yarn, ribbon, recycled items, items collected from nature, collage materials, etc.</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.	32(1)(d)	Feb 26, 2024	
<p>Comments: Two/Threes Room: Dramatic play kitchen sink missing - to be replaced. Two large shelving units missing middle shelving. To be replaced.</p> <p>Three/Fours Room: Hook on back of fine motor shelf broken and sharp. To be removed.</p> <p>Fours Room: Fine motor manipulatives bin in poor repair. To be replaced.</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 (a) labelled with the name of the child.	40(1)(a)	Feb 12, 2024	
<p>Comments: Three/Fours Room: Three packages of Pull-Up diapers not labeled on counter in washroom. To be labelled.</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)	Feb 12, 2024	
<p>Comments: Three/Fours Room: Three packages of Pull-Up diapers stored on counter in washroom, diapers getting wet from sink. Diapers to be stored separately in a bin and in a way that will keep them dry.</p>			
49(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall ensure that the guidance of the children receiving services at the licensed facility is positive and includes positive reinforcement, encouraging efforts and recognizing accomplishments.	49(1)	Feb 12, 2024	

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<p>Comments: Three/Fours Room: Educators observed not using positive child guidance techniques during interactions with children during indoor play, washroom routines and during transition times. Educators observed using negative language towards the children. One educator observed yelling across the room at children. One educator spent approximately 10 minutes with their back to children, ignoring the children's requests while they prepped art materials and organized lunch.</p> <p>Positive child guidance techniques are to be used to support and encourage children in learning independence and appropriate behaviour. These practices help to develop relationships that promote children's well-being and sense of belonging.</p> <p>QA Monitor discussed with administrator on site during inspection.</p> <p>Educators must situate themselves within the environment in a way that provides adequate supervision. Operator Manual - Section 8: Supervision and Child Guidance to be reviewed by staff.</p>			

General Comments
<p>Monitoring Inspection:</p> <p>Two/Threes Room and Fours Room: Children and educators observed engaged in a variety of activities this morning and afternoon. Purposeful planning is evident within through invitations, documentation and materials added to the environments. Children's current interests (space, jungle, building, firetrucks and dinosaurs) are visible within the indoor play areas.</p> <p>Hand washing routines observed. Spaghetti was served for lunch. Rice cakes and oranges were served for afternoon snack.</p>

original signed by
 Britta Garnett

February 08, 2024

 Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

 Date

original signed by
 M. Cloney

February 08, 2024

 Signature of Operator/Designate

 Date