

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 DCS Kids Daycare & Early Learning Center Inc.		Inspection Date May 14, 2026
Facility Name DCS Kids Daycare		Licence Number 2021005
Address 11B School Street Dorchester NB E4K 2Z6		Telephone Number (506) 688-4463
Type of Facility Full-time Early Learning and Childcare Centre	Maximum Number of Children 30	Ages of Children INFANTS PRESCHOOL SCHOOL-AGE
ELCC Licensing Staff Sophie Powers	Position Title Quality Assurance Monitor	

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
11(c)(ii) The qualifications and training requirements for administrators and educators are as follows: (c) at a full-time or part-time early learning and childcare centre, (ii) on and after July 1, 2020, (A) at least 50% of educators must hold a one-year Early Childhood Education Certificate or training that is equivalent in the opinion of the Minister, and (B) an administrator must hold a one-year Early Childhood Education Certificate or training that is equivalent in the opinion of the Minister.	11(c)(ii)	Sep 11, 2025	
<p>Comments: Currently, only the administrator and one staff member hold a one-year Early Childhood Education (ECE) certificate. Regulatory requirements state that the administrator and at least 50% of educators must possess a one-year ECE certificate or equivalent training.</p> <p>Since January 2024, the administrator has implemented several plans to meet this requirement; however, these efforts have not yet been successfully achieved. At present, the administrator is awaiting the completion of an ECE certificate by an additional staff member. Once this certificate is obtained, the centre expects to meet the regulatory requirement.</p>			
28(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall not change the allocation of space used to provide services or add to or alter any building or facility or any part of them unless the Minister has approved the changes in writing.	28(1)	May 29, 2026	
<p>Comments: During the renewal inspection conducted in February, the inspector identified that changes were being made to the facility without the required documentation being submitted to the department. An application for change in service must be submitted and approved prior to implementing any modifications to the facility. An application for change was received by the department on February 25; however, it was incomplete and lacked several required details. To date, the Quality Assurance Monitor has not received a revised or complete application.</p> <p>Renovations or any changes to the facility must not proceed until formal approval has been granted by the department.</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)	May 14, 2026	May 14, 2026

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
<p>Comments: During the inspection, the QAM observed that children were using a storage space for their personal belongings that was not their designated cubby area. This storage space was not labelled, resulting in children's belongings not being identified with their names. The educator promptly addressed this by adding labels to the cubbies.</p> <p>Additionally, in the infant classroom, the QAM noted that a soother was not labelled and was not stored in a container when not in use. It is expected that when a child is not using their pacifier or soother, it is kept in a container labelled with the child's name. The educator immediately added the infant's initials to the soother. The QAM also recommended that the soother be stored in a labelled container when not in use.</p> <p>Deficiency is now compliant</p>			

General Comments
<p>The Quality Assurance Monitor is on site to follow-up on certain elements. During the visit, the QAM also verified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Daily routine - Indoor play area - Washrooms - Storage space - Personal belongings - Diaper changing - Rest area <p>When the QAM arrived, the children were playing outdoors. Following outdoor play, the children had lunch and then engaged in indoor activities. Infant were also observed playing outdoors, eat lunch and napped. The QAM observed children participating in a learning activity about the life cycle of mealworms. The classroom maintains a small collection of mealworms, and the children were involved in caring for them, including feeding them apples. The children appeared engaged and interested in the activity.</p> <p>During naptime, the QAM observed a two-year-old child drinking a bottle while lying down. This practice is not recommended, as children should not consume bottles in a lying position.</p>

original signed by
Sophie Powers

 Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

May 14, 2026

 Date

original signed by
Kirsten Weldon

 Signature of Operator/Designated staff

May 14, 2026

 Date

"I hereby acknowledge receipt of this report"