

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 Elm City Childcare Ltd.	Licence Number 2021009	Inspection Date September 16, 2024	
Facility Name School of Discoveries		Telephone Number (506) 440-6458	
Address 150 Cowperthwaite Street Fredericton NB E3A 9Y5			
Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Lindsay Lewis		Position Title Quality Assurance Monitor	

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
43 An operator of a licensed facility shall not permit hot beverages in areas that are occupied by the children receiving services at the licensed facility, including the outdoor play area, unless (a) the beverage is in a spill-proof container	43(a)		Sep 16, 2024
Comments: Upon arrival, an Educator was walking their class to the playground and had an open coffee mug in their hand. In another classroom, a disposable coffee cup was seen on a low shelf. The Educator with the mug disposed of the beverage when they were greeted by Licensing Staff. The disposable coffee cup in the classroom was also disposed during the Inspection. Deficiency is now compliant			
48(4) If an infant is receiving services at a licensed facility, the operator shall (b) ensure that an infant who is bottle-fed is not fed in a crib.	48(4)(b)		Sep 16, 2024
Comments: As the Infants prepared for nap time, an Educator placed the infant with their bottle on a large stuffed animal on the floor. Licensing Staff spoke with an Educator in the class, who immediately picked up the infant and held them as they finished their bottle. Deficiency is now compliant			
48(4) If an infant is receiving services at a licensed facility, the operator shall (c) supervise an infant while he or she eats or drinks.	48(4)(c)		Sep 16, 2024
Comments: Deficiency is now compliant			
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)		Sep 16, 2024

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<p>Comments: An Educator was heard yelling "Stop!" multiple times at a child as they were walking back to their classroom. Once they reached their room the Educator was heard telling a child " You need to tell your mommy and daddy that you need to learn how to put shoes on."</p> <p>As per the Operator Manual Section 8.2 Positive child guidance practices include: Gentle Reminders Understanding Child Development</p> <p>Intent: Positive child guidance techniques are used to support and encourage children in learning independence and appropriate acceptable behaviour. These practices help to develop relationships that promote children's well-being and sense of belonging.</p> <p>Deficiency is now compliant</p>			

General Comments
<p>Licensing Staff arrived to perform a Monitoring Inspection. Upon arrival, all classes were observed outside on the playground. In the preschool section, a group of children were playing in the mud kitchen, preparing supper for their peers. Other children were seen riding on push bikes, filling a wheelbarrow with dirt, climbing a large tire and playing with shovels and buckets. In the Infants outdoor playground, they were seen playing on the slide and playing with large building blocks.</p> <p>The classes slowly transitioned inside for lunch time. Educators were seen sitting with the children during mealtime. As the children finished their lunch, they played quietly while the Educators cleaned the tables and floors. Once the room was clean, Educators set out the cots and quiet time started. Calming music was heard, and lights were turned off. In all the classes, children appeared comfortable with the transition to nap time.</p> <p>Each classroom has their own unique way of displaying the children's learning and creations. In the Infant Room, they had a large piece of artwork displaced at the door titled " Nature's Painting". Pictures of the Infants painting using nature materials were printed and posted around the displace. Other classes had learning stories, webbing and child's artwork hanging through the rooms.</p>

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Lindsay Lewis

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

September 17, 2024

Date

original signed by
Amanda Donaher

Signature of Operator/Designate

September 17, 2024

Date