

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 Fredericton Bouldering Coop	Licence Number 2021142	Inspection Date January 17, 2024
Facility Name Fredericton Bouldering Co-operative		Telephone Number (306) 800-0888
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Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Megan Munden		Position Title Quality Assurance Monitor

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
25 An operator of a licensed facility shall post in a clearly visible and prominent place on the premises: (d) the name of the administrator. Comments: Please display the administrators name for the afterschool program.	25(d)	Jan 19, 2024	
25 An operator of a licensed facility shall post in a clearly visible and prominent place on the premises: (f) the name and telephone number of the members of the board of directors, if applicable. Comments: Contact info for the Board Members must be present.	25(f)	Jan 19, 2024	
25 An operator of a licensed facility shall post in a clearly visible and prominent place on the premises: (g) whether a child receiving services at the licensed facility has a life-threatening allergy and a description of that allergy. Comments: Licensing staff verified with the administrator that one child who is registered has an allergy. There was no posting visible.	25(g)	Jan 17, 2024	
28(3) The premises of a licensed facility shall comply with (b) codes and standards under the Fire Prevention Act. Comments: Children were either in sock feet or barefoot when not climbing. All children must have indoor footwear.	28(3)(b)	Jan 18, 2024	

General Comments
<p>Wednesday is a half day of school for the anglophone schools. Children had time at the playground before returning to the facility. There was a notice posted on the door informing parents that the group was at the school playground until 1 o'clock.</p> <p>When walking back to the facility, staff placed themselves at the front and end of the line. Educators encouraged children to walk slowly through the parking lot and then to remain close to the side of the building.</p> <p>There were always choices between climbing or free play. While there was a table set up with a large collection of magazines and flyers for collage making, the other table remained empty. Please have educators set up activities for other children who may be looking for something else to do. There is a shelf with a collection of materials, but other board games and materials remained put away in an area inaccessible to the children. Children also had the autonomy to choose when they wanted to sit and have a snack.</p>

General Comments

Staff moved throughout the space, supervising the children while climbing. Staff spoke in a respectful manner to children and helped them navigate disagreements between materials. Staff were also observed speaking to children at their level rather than yelling across the space.

Please remember that staff files, child files and other required documents for the licensed facility must be accessible to licensing staff. The administrator had to be called in by educators to unlock the filing cabinet. If the administrator is going to be away from the facility, please designate another staff to hold this responsibility. In the future, if new staff are present and licensing staff is unable to verify their checks, staff will have to be sent home. This could also result in children needing to be sent home, if ratios cannot be met.

While sticker charts can be motivating for some children, a chart that is set on the counter, visible to all children can result in other feelings for those who do not have many stickers. The educators could be heard explaining to some children that some have been attending the facility longer than others but please consider an alternate way to encourage positive behaviors.

Some required documents were posted but others were missing. Having all the postings on one board or on one wall would help parents in seeing everything in one place.

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Megan Munden

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

January 17, 2024

Date

original signed by
Emma Farlow

Signature of Operator/Designate

January 17, 2024

Date