

## 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.

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| Name of Operator<br>The Vine Seeds Inc.                            |                                             | Inspection Date<br>October 09, 2026      |  |
| Facility Name<br>The Vine Seeds Early Childhood Centre             |                                             | Licence Number<br>2024142                |  |
| Address<br>641 Allison Boulevard Fredericton NB E3C 2S5            |                                             | Telephone Number<br>(506) 262-5615       |  |
| Type of Facility<br>Full-time Early Learning and Child Care Centre | Maximum Number of Children<br>30            | Ages of Children<br>INFANTS<br>PRESCHOOL |  |
| ELCC Licensing Staff<br>Angela Tozer                               | Position Title<br>Quality Assurance Monitor |                                          |  |

  

| Order for Compliance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Regulation | Date to be corrected | Date corrected |
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| 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)  | Dec 31, 2026         |                |
| Comments: The administrator will meet the requirement of having an ECE certificate by December 31, 2026. One current educator meets the requirement of having an ECE certificate or equivalent and a second educator with an ECE certificate has been offered employment as an educator. The operator and administrator have been advised that future hires must have an ECE certificate or equivalent to meet the 50 % ratio.                                                                                          |            |                      |                |
| 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)   | Oct 30, 2026         |                |
| Comments: Play materials and equipment were not sufficient for all children present. Please ensure there is a variety and sufficient quantity for all children present.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |            |                      |                |
| 36(3) The rest area of a full-time early learning and childcare centre and an early learning and childcare home shall be equipped with the following: (b) a cot or nap mat appropriate for the height of the child for each child who is at least 15 months of age and under five years of age who takes naps.                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 36(3)(b)   | Oct 13, 2026         |                |
| Comments: Seven napping children required cots and only 6 approved cots were available. The operator purchased an additional crib mattress that does not meet licensing regulations and poses a safety concern as the child napping was laying on the plastic bag provided when sold. Each sleeping child must have an approved mat or cot available.                                                                                                                                                                   |            |                      |                |
| 36(4) The rest area of a full-time early learning and childcare centre and an early learning and childcare home shall allow for a space of at least 46 cm between each crib, portable playpen, cot or nap mat.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 36(4)      | Oct 13, 2026         |                |
| Comments: The cots in one room were laying almost side-to-side. Ensure the required space between rest equipment is maintained.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |            |                      |                |

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| 36.1 Despite sections 9 and 10, children who are napping in a rest area of a full-time or part-time early learning and child care centre and who are at least two years of age may be supervised by one educator if a second educator is on the same floor as the rest area, in close proximity to the rest area and accessible.                                                                                                                                                     | 36.1       | Oct 09, 2026         | Oct 09, 2026   |
| Comments:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |            |                      |                |
| 9(1) The child-to-staff ratio is one educator for each of the following groups of children of the same age receiving services at a full-time or part-time early learning and childcare centre: (a) three infants or fewer; (b) five children or fewer who are two years of age; (c) eight children or fewer who are three years of age; (d) ten children or fewer who are four years of age or older, but who are not yet attending school; and (e) 15 school-age children or fewer. | 9(1)       | Oct 09, 2026         | Oct 09, 2026   |
| Comments: Deficiency is now compliant. The child-to-staff ratio was not met at naptime in the senior infant room, one educator was present with five infants. Child-to-staff ratio is to be maintained at all times.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |            |                      |                |

| General Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <p>When licensing staff arrived, children were napping in each room. Two educators in the younger infant room were located in the nap room helping children go to sleep. The two's educator was sitting in the two-year-old room, and one educator was sitting on the floor in the senior infant room with 5 infants while the second educator was on break. A reminder was provided to the operator and administrator that educators of children under 2 years of age sleeping on cots must maintain child-to-staff ratio during nap times.</p> <p>All staff files were reviewed to support the administrator in ensuring files are complete. Some recommendations were given including having each educator's job description signed as confirmation of their understanding of their role, a contact sheet for each staff member with contact information and emergency contacts, and credentials located in each file.</p> <p>Child files for currently enrolled children were reviewed, and licensing staff made several suggestions to ensure required information is included such as two emergency contacts, parental consents, Medicare information, and parent's signed understanding and agreement with the parent book. A reminder was provided that any child sleeping over two consecutive hours must have parent's written consent on file.</p> <p>After licensing staff viewed each room and spoke to educators, it was noted that some rooms did not have adequate resources for the number of children present. The younger infant room had three baskets of resources while other rooms had shelves and more resources. The operator stated that additional resources were being purchased and educators had created lists of needed materials. A suggestion is to review the list of suggested materials for each curriculum area in the Operator's manual to ensure resources are available to support all areas of curriculum. Writing materials, paper, and books should be located in each room and accessible to children to support their literate identities and contribute to curriculum planning.</p> <p>Required documents were reviewed in each room and infant toddler daily information forms are being completed each day. A recommendation was given that a whiteboard may allow educators to easily document infants' diaper changes throughout the day to later complete infant toddler daily information sheets. The attendance forms were located in binders and in another room for some educators, so a suggestion was made to place the daily attendance sheet on a clipboard next to each room's entrance so attendance can be kept up to date at all times. One attendance sheet did not account for all children in the room, and a relief educator was unable to locate the attendance record in a second room.</p> <p>Educators mentioned they had not been going outside daily, and a reminder was given to the administrator and operator that Licensing Regulation 22 requires outdoor play for at least one hour in each four-hour block of time, temperature and weather permitting. The operator stated that the outdoor area was inaccessible for the week because grass had been sprayed and to ensure safety, children were kept out of the area. The outdoor area should be safe and accessible at all times or optional outdoor activities planned such as walks. The curriculum</p> |

General Comments

areas are to be represented in the outdoor area including a variety and sufficient number of play materials.

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Angela Tozer

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

October 14, 2026

Date

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Frances Ilubbey

Signature of Operator/Designated staff

October 14, 2026

Date

*"I hereby acknowledge receipt of this report"*