

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 761340 N.B. LTD		Inspection Date July 15, 2026
Facility Name Brighter Beginnings Childcare Center		Licence Number 2024145
Address 67 Main Street Linton Corner NB E7G 2H3		Telephone Number (506) 477-9396
Type of Facility Full-time Early Learning and Childcare Centre	Maximum Number of Children 49	Ages of Children INFANTS PRESCHOOL SCHOOL-AGE
ELCC Licensing Staff Angela Tozer	Position Title Quality Assurance Monitor	

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
10(1) The number of educators that are required for a group of children of mixed ages receiving services at a full-time or part-time early learning and childcare centre is calculated as follows: (a) by multiplying the number of children of the same age by the corresponding factor set out in Schedule A; and (b) by adding the results obtained under paragraph (a).	10(1)	Jul 15, 2026	Jul 15, 2026
Comments: With the inclusion of an infant in the two-year-old room, the staff-to-child ratio was not met, and a second educator would have been required. However, Licensing Regulation 10(7) does not permit infants to be grouped with children of another age group. This was corrected by the afternoon as the infant was only present during the morning program.			
10(7) Despite subsection (6), if an infant is grouped at a full-time early learning and childcare centre with children of a mixed-age group, the number of children grouped shall not be more than the number that requires one educator.	10(7)	Jul 15, 2026	Jul 15, 2026
Comments: The group size including the infant exceeded the requirement of one educator thus, staff-to-child ratio was not met. This was corrected after the morning program.			
10(8) For the purposes of this section, an infant may only be grouped with children of a mixed-age group outside the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on the condition that the infant is grouped with preschool children and other infants.	10(8)	Jul 16, 2026	
Comments: An infant was present during the morning program in the two-year-old room. The educators stated they thought children transitioning to care could begin a month prior to their birthday. Licensing staff explained that children over 2 years of age can transition to a new group gradually over a maximum of two weeks ensuring the maximum group size for the room is not exceeded. The ratio for the current age of child is included in the child-to-staff ratio ensuring it is met at all times. This was corrected as child left after the morning program, but a plan needs to be put in place to ensure infants are not mixed with preschool age.			
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)	Mar 05, 2026	

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Comments: Attendance records continue to show an inaccurate number of children in each room. Please make sure children are not moved to meet ratio and ensure attendance records reflect all children present in the room at any given time. A recommendation to ensure children are accounted for in each room is to create a separate attendance sheet for each room with registered children. This practice can help educators be aware of the number of children in their rooms at all times, especially in case of emergencies and allow children to learn predictably of their room and educator.			
28(2) An operator of a licensed facility shall carry out emergency evacuation and fire drills monthly.	28(2)	Mar 13, 2026	May 13, 2026
Comments: Deficiency is now compliant			
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)	Mar 13, 2026	
Comments: The water in the infant area heated up quickly to a high temperature. The sink in this room would be used for washing children's hands after diaper changes and should not exceed 49 degrees Celsius. This non-compliance has remained in place for several months and should be corrected immediately.			
29 An operator of a licensed facility shall ensure that the traffic area and the outdoor walk-ways of the licensed facility are free from obstructions and hazards.	29	Mar 05, 2026	Jul 15, 2026
Comments: Deficiency is now compliant			
31(3) An operator shall maintain the outdoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children.	31(3)	Mar 06, 2026	
Comments: A dead animal was found in a bucket in the outdoor infant area with standing water. The outdoor area is to be maintained safe at all times during operating hours and ensure there is no standing water. Any sign of rodent contamination in the outdoor area should be cleaned and disinfected.			
32(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall provide indoor play area materials and equipment that are (b) arranged on low, open shelves and accessible to the children receiving services at the licensed facility,	32(1)(b)	Mar 06, 2026	May 13, 2026
Comments: Deficiency is now compliant			
33(2) Stationary equipment in the outdoor play area shall be surrounded by a protective surfacing and installed according to the manufacturer's instructions.	33(2)	Jul 20, 2026	
Comments: The swing set has been moved to ensure the proper distance from the fence, but it has not been anchored down and children remarked they can feel it lift when they swing too far back. The smaller swing set and climber have also not been anchored down to ensure children's safety. This must be corrected immediately.			
33(3) An operator of a licensed facility shall complete a monthly review and maintenance plan on all stationary equipment that includes the following information: (a) the review and repair dates; (b) the action required and the action taken; and (c) the name of the staff member who conducted the review.	33(3)	Mar 13, 2026	
Comments: The monthly review is being completed but stationary equipment is not safely maintained as many items need anchoring.			
38(4) An operator of a licensed facility shall provide steps or platforms that allow the children to use regular-sized toilets and sinks.	38(4)	Mar 20, 2026	May 13, 2026
Comments: Deficiency is now compliant			
39(2) A licensed facility shall have a separate locked storage space that is inaccessible to the children for each of the following: (b) medications.	39(2)(b)	Mar 04, 2026	May 13, 2026
Comments: Deficiency is now compliant			
46(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall only administer medication to a child receiving services at the licensed facility in the following cases: (d) if the medication is prescribed, the medication is labelled with the name of the physician, the instructions for use and the time period for use.	46(1)(d)	Mar 05, 2026	May 13, 2026
Comments: Deficiency is now compliant			
46(4) An operator of a licensed facility shall maintain a chronologically filed medication record of all medication administered to a child.	46(4)	Mar 04, 2026	May 13, 2026

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Comments: Deficiency is now compliant			
49(2) An operator of a licensed facility shall ensure that no child receiving services at the licensed facility is subjected to any form of physical punishment or verbal or emotional abuse or is denied physical necessities.	49(2)	Jul 16, 2026	
Comments: Children reported to licensing staff the process of time out practiced in the facility including having to be removed from the room and going to the director's office. The practice of sending a child to a specific area or another room is prohibited. Child guidance practices are to be positive and ensure no child is subjected to any form of abuse.			

General Comments

The operator, administrator, and an educator were on a field trip today with the school age children. Children were eating lunch when licensing staff arrived and then younger children were going for a nap. The children in the 4/5-year-old room were planning to go outside to play on the playground. Licensing staff prompted children to bring some books to the playground and the children, educator, and licensing staff began looking through the books in the preschool and school-age room. There was a number of I can read and character books in the preschool bucket with more variety on the school-age shelf. Educators and licensing staff discussed the need for a variety of texts including rhyme, picture books, information, etc. building on children's interests, questions, and abilities. A selection of texts by an author or illustrator can inspire an author or illustrator study. Markers, pencil crayons, and white paper were added with the books, and the educator found a bucket for the resources suggesting scissors and glue.

When children arrived on the playground, they wanted to swing on the swings and explore the area. The swing set had been moved to ensure proper distance from the fence and more protective surfacing added however, not all stationary equipment was anchored down. Children pushed the top off the smaller picnic table to play with the sand and resources. The corner of the picnic table has been sawed off to remove the splintered section. As licensing staff viewed the infant outdoor area, children joined noticing the tent with sand inside and also pointing out a mouse in a bucket. Children were immediately removed from the area, and the educator messaged another educator to inform them.

The children then sat at the picnic table to use the writing materials to draw and color. The educator picked up a leaf to show children an activity she enjoyed as a child, shading the shape of a leaf on paper and children requested their own leaves to try. Children tried shading and then coloring the leaves to stamp. The educator documented children's learning by taking photos and capturing children's quotes.

As the younger children were waking up from their nap, educators set up an invitation on the table to provide the time for everyone to wake up. The main room had a selection of play dough and resources for children to play. Once the preschool children were awake, educators began to take children to the washroom to get ready for snack. Only one infant was awake in the infant room when snack began so the child was offered snack. The educator and licensing staff discussed the length of time children are sleeping and some children are sleeping for over two consecutive hours. The educator was not aware written permission was needed from parents for children to sleep over two consecutive hours and would inform the operator.

The attendance records were reviewed, and children had been moved between rooms to meet ratio including permitting an infant to be combined with preschool children. The practice of moving children to meet ratio is not an accepted practice and can cause undue stress for children needing consistency and familiarity. Attendance records should reflect individual rooms and children regularly included in the room.

An incident report was completed for one child requiring a parent's signature at pickup and an educator and licensing staff discussed the possibility of an incident log for minor injuries, as today's incident was. A notebook can serve as a daily incident log providing details of the minor incident to parents and requiring their signature. They are to be kept confidential and individualized for each child.

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Angela Tozer

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

July 24, 2026

Date

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Operator has not returned signed copy of the inspection
report to date.

Signature of Operator/Designated staff

July 24, 2026

Date

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