

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 Little Miracles 2 Daycare Inc.		Inspection Date April 28, 2026
Facility Name Little Miracles 2 Daycare		Licence Number 2024148
Address 9286 Main Street Richibucto NB E4W 4C7		Telephone Number (506) 523-7585
Type of Facility Full-time Early Learning and Childcare Centre	Maximum Number of Children 46	Ages of Children INFANTS PRESCHOOL SCHOOL-AGE
ELCC Licensing Staff Stephanie Hickey	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)	Apr 28, 2026	Apr 28, 2026
<p>Comments: Upon arrival on site, the Quality Assurance Monitor inquired with the administrator regarding the child-to-staff ratio. The administrator reviewed the attendance sheet and indicated that they had just arrived at the facility, stating that there were 11 children present. Upon counting the children, the Quality Assurance Monitor accounted for only 10 children. The Quality Assurance Monitor then inquired with the educator regarding the number of children present and advised that the administrator had reported 11 children, while only 10 were observed. The educator provided the attendance sheet to the Quality Assurance Monitor and stated that all children were marked present. The Quality Assurance Monitor counted 16 children listed on the attendance sheet. When questioned, the educator explained that the attendance sheet included all children, not just those present in the upstairs preschool room. The Quality Assurance Monitor clarified that attendance specific to the upstairs preschool room was required. The educator was then able to provide the correct child-to-staff ratio for that room. Deficiency is now compliant.</p>			
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)	Jun 30, 2027	
<p>Comments: The Quality Assurance Monitor noted that the facility did not meet the requirement of at least 50% of educators holding a one-year Early Childhood Education Certificate or equivalent. This was discussed with the administrator, who confirmed that one staff member is currently enrolled and scheduled to begin the program in September 2026.</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)	Apr 15, 2026	Apr 28, 2026
<p>Comments: During the follow-up inspection, the Quality Assurance Monitor confirmed that no children were sleeping in the kitchen. Deficiency is now compliant.</p>			

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41(3) An operator of a licensed facility shall (b) ensure that a child is never left unattended during diaper changing.	41(3)(b)	Apr 28, 2026	Apr 28, 2026
Comments: During the follow-up inspection, the Quality Assurance Monitor observed an educator leaving a child unattended on the changing table in order to retrieve another child from the classroom. The educator was reminded that a child must never be left unattended on a changing table at any time. Deficiency is now compliant			
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)	Apr 28, 2026	Apr 28, 2026
Comments: During the follow-up inspection, the Quality Assurance Monitor observed an educator from the infant room leaving the room while an infant remained inside sleeping, unattended. The educator was reminded that children must be supervised at all times and must never be left alone at any point during the day. Deficiency is now compliant			

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The Quality Assurance Monitor conducted an on-site follow-up inspection.

During the follow-up, it was observed that children were not washing their hands immediately after using the washroom. Children were redirected to sit on a bench in the corner of the washroom after toileting and were allowed to play together while waiting for others to finish. Once all children were done using the washroom, they were then asked to wash their hands before returning to the classroom. The Quality Assurance Monitor reminded the educator that children must wash their hands immediately after using the toilet to ensure proper hygiene practices are followed.

While on site, the Quality Assurance Monitor observed that a room previously designated as office space now contained a napping cot and toys. The Quality Assurance Monitor asked a staff member whether children had access to this room, and the staff member confirmed that children sometimes use the space. This was brought to the attention of the administrator, who confirmed the room is being used as a sensory room. The Quality Assurance Monitor informed the administrator that this room had not been approved for child use. At the time of licensing, this space was identified as an office. The Quality Assurance Monitor explained that a change in service is required and a Fire Plan review and a Health Plan review for the room to be approved for child occupancy. The administrator is advised that children are not permitted to access this room until all required approvals are obtained.

Further discussion took place regarding the previous week's visit. The Quality Assurance Monitor inquired whether the administrator had received the report indicating that the Quality Assurance Monitor attended the facility and no one was present. The administrator stated they were on vacation and that the facility was closed for the week. The Quality Assurance Monitor reminded the administrator that the department must be notified whenever the facility is closed. The administrator responded that they did not notify the department because the Quality Assurance Monitor had already attended twice and they did not expect another visit. The Quality Assurance Monitor clarified that when a non-compliance is issued, a follow-up inspection is required to confirm that the non-compliance has been addressed.

An additional discussion occurred regarding child-to-staff ratios. While reviewing the attendance sheet provided by a staff member, the Quality Assurance Monitor noted that the ratio for three-year-old children was recorded incorrectly. The ratio was listed as 0.143 instead of the correct ratio of 0.125. The Quality Assurance Monitor provided the administrator with the correct ratio information. The administrator asked whether the ratios had recently changed. The Quality Assurance Monitor advised that the ratios have not changed. The administrator then indicated they may be using an outdated Operator Manual. The Quality Assurance Monitor advised that a copy of the current Operator Manual be sent. The administrator stated this would be helpful, as they are

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currently using the same manual from when they operated a home daycare 12 years ago. The Quality Assurance Monitor clarified that there are separate Operator Manuals for home-based daycare and childcare centers, and the administrator indicated they were not aware of this distinction.

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Stephanie Hickey

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

April 30, 2026

Date

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Christine Arseneault

Signature of Operator/Designated staff

April 30, 2026

Date

"I hereby acknowledge receipt of this report"