

## 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 COURTENAY AVENUE DAYCARE (2018) INC.	Licence Number 245035	Inspection Date April 21, 2021	
Facility Name COURTENAY AVENUE DAYCARE 2018		Telephone Number (506) 634-8418	
Address 133 Courtenay Avenue Saint John NB E2J 1N4			
Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Breanne Jones		Position Title Inspector	
Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
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: (c) staff member records that include (iv) a signed declaration confirming that the staff member has read and understood his or her obligations under the Act and this Regulation.	24(1)(c)(iv)	Apr 23, 2021	Apr 12, 2021
Comments: Deficiency is now compliant			
30(3) An operator shall maintain the indoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children.	30(3)	May 14, 2021	
Comments: Flooring is in need of repair upstairs within preschool indoor play area.			
31(3) An operator shall maintain the outdoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children.	31(3)	May 14, 2021	

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<p>Comments: The bottom hinge on the gate at the bottom of the stairs off the deck is broken causing the gate to partially detach when opened. This is unsafe and should be repaired immediately.</p> <p>The paint on the railing is also chipping and wood is splintering, putting the children's hands at risk of injury when using this railing for support.</p> <p>Recommending that this stairway/gate not be used until repairs are complete unless it is required as an emergency exit.</p> <p>Broken/damaged materials and furniture have piled up against the gate within the preschool outdoor play area. These items are to be removed immediately, and are not to be stored for disposal inside the indoor play area going forward.</p> <p>Pieces of concrete and concrete blocks were also observed within outdoor play area today. These are not safe within the preschool play area and are to be removed immediately.</p> <p>Shovels, rakes, sleds and other seasonal equipment was also noted to be leaning up against fence. These are to be moved to storage shed.</p> <p>Plastic material is surfacing from underground within the school aged children's grass play area behind play structure). To be removed and maintained.</p> <p>Various portions of the cribbing boards are rotting and have been covered with pieces of wood and tarp. This needs to be removed and repaired properly. Another option is to remove the cribbing boards entirely.</p> <p>Gap in cribbing boards on school aged side to be repaired.</p> <p>There is a nail protruding on outer side of play structure on school aged side where a steering wheel used to be. Nail to be removed.</p> <p>Children and educators are reportedly slipping on the slope within the outdoor play area due to the pebbles and rocks collecting between the preschool and school aged play areas. Operator to come up with a plan to eliminate this risk going forward.</p>			
<p>33(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall provide outdoor play area materials and equipment that are varied and in sufficient quantity for the number and ages of the children receiving services at the licensed facility.</p>	33(1)	May 14, 2021	
<p>Comments: Facility is in need of quality outdoor play materials and equipment. Educators were picking up broken toys/materials today that were observed scattered throughout the outdoor play area. Recommended discussing how to care for materials and equipment with the children and teaching them to respect their equipment and outdoor play space. Also recommending that the educators involve the children in the cleaning up process and provide appropriate storage containers and equipment with lids to store these items.</p> <p>Some materials such as the foam interlocking mats, outdoor area rug, patio cushions are in very poor condition and/or can not be adequately cleaned and should be discarded. The outdoor play house on the preschool side requires cleaning.</p> <p>The children were observed playing in the soil within the standing garden box today and appeared to really enjoy this. This can be used as a "sandbox" however if so, it requires a lid or cover (ex: tarp to be secured over the top at end of day). The facility could also choose to purchase fine sand and create a separate sand box area for the children to play and continue to use the raised garden box for gardening.</p>			

### General Comments

Monitoring inspection was completed today. Outdoor play area was inspected, as this was snow/ice covered at time of renewal inspection. Many concerns arose during outdoor play area inspection.

The fence separating the preschool and school age outdoor play area is leaning extensively, and will require attention in the near future. The boards attached to the bottom of the fence do not appear to be serving any purpose. The base of the fencing does not appear to be structurally sound. Recommending an assessment be completed to ensure safety.

Also recommending that educators develop an outdoor play area checklist to monitor the outdoor play area environment on a regular basis and ensure broken items are disposed of promptly.

Orders for compliance must be addressed in order to recommend facility for renewal.

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Breanne Jones

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

April 21, 2021

Date

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Signature of Operator/Designate

April 21, 2021

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