

Early Learning and Childcare Facility Inspection Report

Type of Inspection:
Renewal 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 YMCA of Southwestern New Brunswick Inc.		Inspection Date April 28, 2026
Facility Name YMCA - St. Mark's - ASP 1		Licence Number 283038
Address 50 Dexter Drive Saint John NB E2M 4M4		Telephone Number (506) 650-3665
Type of Facility Part-time Early Learning and Childcare Centre	Maximum Number of Children 53	Ages of Children SCHOOL-AGE
ELCC Licensing Staff Aimee Hanson	Position Title Inspector	

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
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General Comments
<p>A renewal inspection was conducted on April 20, 2026. Rooms 3, 4, and 5 were inspected during the visit, while Room 2 remained closed due to low enrollment. In Room 3, children were observed engaging with a variety of materials, including Lego, play animals, and a wide selection of art supplies such as glueables, paper, pipe cleaners, markers, and crayons. The room offered several invitations to play; however, it was communicated to the acting administrator that the environments would benefit from additional materials to further enrich children's engagement. Examples of materials that could enhance these spaces include loose parts, dramatic play props, sensory materials, nature items, and fine motor tools. It was also discussed that documentation displayed on the walls should consistently include dates and children's names.</p> <p>In Room 4, a variety of environments were set up for children's exploration. A dinosaur world was observed, consisting of dinosaurs, blocks, plants, and water, with children actively contributing to its ongoing development. Children were also painting nails on paper using different colors of nail polish. Educators were reminded to ensure proper ventilation by opening windows and using a fan whenever nail polish is in use. Additional play areas included Barbies with accessories, costumes for dress-up, and microphones that children used during dramatic play. A safety concern was noted when bleach was found on a table rather than stored on the designated hook. Staff were reminded that bleach must always be kept out of children's reach or secured in a locked cabinet.</p> <p>In Room 5, a cozy reading corner was set up with child-sized seating and a large rug. Art materials were available for creative expression, and a large car track with mini cars provided opportunities for small-world and imaginative play. Across all inspected rooms, exits were free from debris, and emergency exits were clearly visible and accessible. Fire drills were posted on the parent board and were up to date. Allergy information was posted in both the kitchen and on educators' attendance boards. Staff files were reviewed and found to be complete, and a random review of ten children's files confirmed that all required documentation was present. Outdoors, materials for play were stored in a large wagon, including balls and homemade bubbles prepared for the day. As a reminder., currently the room 3 and 5 do not have permanent educators. Staff working have been inconsistent for a number of weeks due to staff shortage. Consistent staff are needed to improve this environment and create a routine with the children.</p>

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Aimee Hanson

April 28, 2026

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

Date

Signature of Operator/Designated staff

Date

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