

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 GREATER SAINT JOHN INC.	Licence Number 283054	Inspection Date December 06, 2021	
Facility Name YMCA of Greater SJ Forest Glen After School Program		Telephone Number (506) 658-2816	
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Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Breanne Jones		Position Title Inspector	
Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
21 The daily activities of a licensed facility shall be purposely planned in advance and documented and shall respond to the capabilities, needs and interests of each child.	21	Dec 13, 2021	
Comments: Planning sheets for this week had not been completed prior to the children's arrival for Group 1. Program planning sheets for previous weeks was observed and posted on bulletin board. Group 1 had some documentation on the wall from the week prior. Planning sheets had been completed and were observed within Group 2. There was some evidence within this group of purposeful planning based on the children's interests (ex: web on cars, ongoing science experiments/predictions, growing plants). It was not evident that planning is based on the children's interests within Group 1 and 3. What topics are the children interested in? What can be added to the environment to support this?			
28(2) An operator of a licensed facility shall carry out emergency evacuation and fire drills monthly.	28(2)	Dec 06, 2021	
Comments: Fire drill was not completed for the month of August. Drills to be completed monthly.			
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)	Dec 10, 2021	
Comments: During today's inspection the fire alarm was triggered by a leak in the storage closet containing plumbing/sprinkler system. Public Health should be notified to ensure proper precautions have been taken and that the problem is rectified. The school's custodians were working on this immediately.			
30(3) An operator shall maintain the indoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children.	30(3)	Jan 07, 2022	
Comments: Group 1: The floor within this room is collecting debris and requires cleaning, specifically around the perimeter of the room and in corners. Group 2: The walls within this room require paint touch ups (specifically on the window side wall). The rubber baseboard requires repair in the corner near the radiator as it has come off the wall. The built in cabinets along the back wall require repairs (sanding of splintering wood)/fresh paint. If a work order is required to have this work completed, proof of this request (ex: email to district/principal) can be sent to inspector if this can not be accomplished by the comply by date provided.			
31(3) An operator shall maintain the outdoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children.	31(3)	Jan 07, 2022	

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<p>Comments: The playground area is in poor repair. Evidence of rust, broken and metal peeling away from equipment was observed. One of the red slides has a crack in the bottom. Recommending that supervisor contacts the city to notify them of the condition and hazards. Children are not permitted to use any of the equipment that is broken/damaged. Staff must monitor this closely.</p>			
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)	Dec 20, 2021	
<p>Comments: Group 1: Lacking in dramatic play materials. There are some materials present (doll furniture, dress up clothes, etc.) but not enough to support interest. Supervisor has recently ordered a new dramatic play center, which will be added to this room. Group 2: The dramatic play area is also lacking in this room. There was a doctor kit observed on a shelf but no other props or accessories to support this. What else are the children interested in? How can this be incorporated into the room to support dramatic play? Group 3: Dramatic play materials were observed within the shelving unit (pretend food, dishes) but this area/room lacks the materials and accessories to support this. How could furniture/shelving within the room be used/set up to support an interest in dramatic play? Examples include but are not limited to: Take-out center, restaurant, etc.</p>			
32(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall provide indoor play area materials and equipment that are (d) clean and in good repair.	32(1)(d)	Jan 07, 2022	
<p>Comments: Group 1: The cabinet within the corner of the room is in poor repair. Door is broken off. To be fixed or replaced. One of the pillows used within the bench seating in cozy area is ripped and losing stuffing, to be replaced. Group 2: Doctor kit/accessories requires cleaning. Bulletin board paper is ripping off. To be recovered, and updated to support the children's interests and display their work. Group 3: Table cloths covering the tables within the mini gym are showing wear and stained, to be replaced. The shelving unit used to store games, dramatic play accessories, small manipulatives was disorganized and appeared as though it had not been tidied from the previous day. Recommended that staff reorganize, clean and set up this shelf at the end of the day in preparation for the program the following day. Because this is a set up/take down program room, this will ensure that staff have adequate time to plan and prepare their materials.</p>			
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)	Jan 07, 2022	
<p>Comments: Evidence of rust, and metal peeling away from stationary equipment. Some equipment is broken and has been removed. Contact city of Saint John to notify of poor condition. There are also portions of the foam ground surfacing deteriorating causing holes in the ground. The pea gravel underneath the swings and other stationary equipment pieces considered "fall zones" is not appropriate and children must discontinue using until this has been replenished.</p>			

General Comments

Renewal inspection completed today.

The children were observed upon arrival after school, within their indoor play environment and during the process of an unplanned evacuation drill within the school. Staff members ensured that all children evacuated the facility. Staff members were observed performing head counts and referencing mandatory attendance records to account for all children.

Some documentation was posted within the indoor environment and demonstrated interests in creative art, science experiments, growing plants, and cars.

There were some materials set out on some of the tables as an invitation for the children's to explore, but

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purposeful planning was not evident across all environments. Ensure that the children's interests are being documented and that program planning involves adding materials/props to support these interests. Hand washing and snack time routines were observed at time of inspection.

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Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

December 06, 2021

Date

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Jennifer Cormier

Signature of Operator/Designate

December 06, 2021

Date