

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 The Spotted Toad Day Care Inc.	Licence Number 360022	Inspection Date April 20, 2023
Facility Name The Spotted Toad Day Care		Telephone Number (506) 536-1498
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Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Sarah MacDougall		Position Title Inspector

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
21 A licensee shall post the following documents in a clearly visible and prominent place in the facility associated with the licence: (a) the licence; (b) a report provided under section 23; (c) an order issued under section 28; and (d) a probationary license issued under section 29.	21(a) – (d)	Apr 20, 2023	Apr 20, 2023
Comments: The most recent renewal inspection was not posted in a visible and prominent place. This was added during the inspection. Deficiency is now compliant			
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: (b) child records that include: (ii) the name, address and telephone number of the child's medical practitioner.	24(1)(b)(ii)	Jun 05, 2023	
Comments: 1 of the audited children's records is missing the phone number for their medical practitioner. Recommendation that administrator review all children's records to ensure all required information is indicated.			
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: (l) management of potential illness forms provided by the Minister.	24(1)(l)	Apr 20, 2023	
Comments: Management of potential illness forms are filled out. However, inspector observed that the departure time was missing on 3 forms. and the parent's signature was missing on 1 form. Administrator must ensure that all require information is filled out on these forms.			
27 An operator of a licensed facility shall obtain the written consent of a parent or guardian of a child receiving services at the licensed facility before doing any of the following: (c) permitting the administration of medication in the circumstances set out in section 46.	27(c)	Apr 20, 2023	
Comments: A signed parental consent to administer medication was not obtained, consent was provided by email. Administrator informs Inspector that this medication has not be given to the child and that the medication is not on-site. Recommendation that administrator discuss with the parent if this medication needs to be provided to the child while at the facility. Administrator must obtain written consent if the medication will be given.			
30(1) A full-time or part-time early learning and childcare centre shall have an indoor play area of at least 3.25 m ² for each child receiving services at the centre.	30(1)	Apr 20, 2023	Apr 20, 2023

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<p>Comments: The center has 3.25m² of indoor play space for each child. However, inspector observed 7 children in a room that has a maximum capacity of 4 children at a time. This was addressed with the administrator, who corrected this immediately. Deficiency is now compliant</p>			
30(3) An operator shall maintain the indoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children.	30(3)	Jun 05, 2023	
<p>Comments: The paint on the baseboards in one of the upstairs classrooms is chipping off the wall. Administrator must ensure that this is repainted in order to ensure that the indoor play area is maintained safe and clean.</p>			
31(3) An operator shall maintain the outdoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children.	31(3)	Apr 20, 2023	Apr 20, 2023
<p>Comments: A torn sled and a piece of a broken hoop were found in the outdoor play area. This was discarded of immediately. Deficiency is now compliant</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)	Apr 20, 2023	Apr 20, 2023
<p>Comments: 4 ripped books were in the preschool classroom. This was addressed with an educator, who removed the books from the classroom to ensure that the material is in good repair. Deficiency is now compliant</p>			
39(2) A licensed facility shall have a separate locked storage space that is inaccessible to the children for each of the following: (a) toxic products, chemical products and cleaning supplies;	39(2)(a)	Apr 20, 2023	
<p>Comments: Inspector found a bottle of Febreze air freshener in the staff bathroom that was not locked. This was placed under lock and key. Inspector found 3 paint cans and a bottle of all-purpose permanent spray adhesive on a high shelf at the top of the basement steps. Administrator was able to lock these with a latch, however it must be placed under lock and key. Administrator will acquire proper materials to ensure that a padlock will be placed on that door.</p>			
40(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall ensure that personal belongings of a child receiving services at the licensed facility that are brought to the licensed facility, including combs, brushes, toothbrushes, towels, washcloths, bedding, pacifiers and soothers, are (c) stored separately for each child.	40(1)(c)	Apr 27, 2023	
<p>Comments: Inspector observed that children's, personal items are not placed in their respective storage spaces and that their belongings are not labelled with their names. To avoid the risk of the spread of communicable diseases, administrator must ensure that children's items are placed in their respective cubbies and labelled with their name. Administrator must ensure that the school aged children's hooks are labelled with their names.</p>			
48(2) An operator of a licensed facility may supply food to a child receiving services at the licensed facility that a parent or guardian of the child brings from the child's home if the food is labelled with the child's name and refrigerated, as required.	48(2)	May 04, 2023	
<p>Comments: 4 water bottles were not labelled with the child's name. Administrator must ensure that these are labelled with the child's name.</p>			

General Comments

During the renewal inspection, Inspector observed indoor play, outdoor play, the lunch period as well as the rest period. Inspector observed positive interactions between the educators and the children, such as getting on their level to interact and play with them. Inspector observed an educator reading a story to the children, while other children were doing gymnastics on a mat. The documentation of the children's learning was made evident by looking at the children's portfolios. Inspector observed detailed programming. Inspector observed that children had planted seeds as an activity.

Administrator must ensure that diapers are disposed of in a waste basket with a lid. Recommendation that the diaper changing procedures that are posted be updated by the procedures that are listed in the Operator Manual, as these are more detailed. These can be found at Appendix 22.

Inspector also recommends that the full day routine for the school aged children be updated, as the children's temperature is no longer taken at the facility as part of the routine. A discussion was also had with the Administrator regarding a 3 Strike Chart for the school aged children. Administrator indicates that this has not been used and the idea was replaced with kindness coins. Recommendation that this chart be removed.

General Comments

During the Renewal Inspection in 2022, Inspector observed a platform made of stones on which the children played in the outdoor play area. A discussion was also had at that time that the Operators were in the process of deciding what steps to take in order to ensure the safety of children when using the platform. During the Renewal inspection on April 20th 2023, a discussion was had with Administrator who indicates that the children are not currently using the platform, however would like to be able to use it to garden on the platform. If the children are to use this platform, a railing or protective surfacing must be added if the children are to use this.

A discussion was had with Administrator regarding updating the consent forms used for outings to ensure that these are more detailed. Administrator completed this during the inspection.

Ratio was respected during the inspection.

original signed by
Sarah MacDougall

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

April 20, 2023

Date

original signed by
Morgan Brine

Signature of Operator/Designate

April 20, 2023

Date