

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 Fredericton YMCA Inc.	Licence Number 504009	Inspection Date May 17, 2023
Facility Name YMCA Afterschool Youth Program and Preschool		Telephone Number (506) 462-3000
Address 570 York Street Fredericton NB E3B 3R2		
Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Megan Munden		Position Title Quality Assurance Monitor

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
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.	33(1)	May 29, 2023	
Comments: Materials must be provided in the outdoor play space.			

General Comments
<p>Upon licensing staff's arrival, there was one child in attendance for the morning preschool program. This program runs out of the EXP Room. The room was prepared for the day with tables set up with invitations-playdough, coloring and play food with a written prompt. The educator followed the child's lead and remained engaged with her during the inspection. They played Barbies and Little People together on the carpet. The educator spoke kindly to the child and asked questions to get to know her since this is a new program that has been running for a few weeks and staff are still getting to know the children.</p> <p>The room was clean, organized and had children's art posted. There were mini flowerpots that were painted by the children in the window and seedlings are growing. The room is also used as an afterschool room. The afterschool educator has been working on improving this space and the room looks inviting and is set up in a child-centered way with age-appropriate books and materials.</p> <p>The Jones Room has also seen improvements in looking more child-centered with art posted, recent photos of the children, a large variety of quality children's books and organized materials.</p> <p>The transition from the afterschoolers arriving to washing hands and eating lunch was smooth and children were familiar with the routine. There was ample time to eat, and children could begin playing when they were ready while others could finish their lunch.</p> <p>The educators in both rooms displayed kindness towards the children and were engaged and attentive. Gentle reminders were provided to sit at the table while eating and to make safe choices with toys. Time warnings were used to remind children that it was almost time to clean up and get dressed to go outdoors.</p>

General Comments

Licensing staff observed no materials in the outdoor play space today for the children to play with. The children were playing on the large play structure but the sandbox and pavement on the basketball court had no materials for those areas. Suggestions are skipping ropes, balls in sufficient quantity, chalk, buckets, shovels. Items from the classroom could also be brought out- books, materials for coloring, card games. With no outdoor storage available for this playground, educators have to transport the materials to the space. A utility wagon would be a good method to bring out a variety of materials and at the quantity required for the children.

Due to the preschool program running for 6 weeks, an educator with an ECE was not found in time for hire. If the program is going to run in the Fall of 2023, then an educator with their ECE must be hired.

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Megan Munden

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

May 19, 2023

Date

original signed by
Brittany Hunter

Signature of Operator/Designate

May 19, 2023

Date