

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 Bright Beginnings Daycare Inc.	Licence Number 508029	Inspection Date May 04, 2023	
Facility Name Bright Beginnings Daycare		Telephone Number (506) 458-6998	
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Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Joanne Voyer Page		Position Title Quality Assurance Monitor	

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
12(0.1)(a)(i-iii) In subsection (1), an operator of a licensed facility includes: (a) in the case of a criminal record check or a vulnerable sector check, as the case may be, (i) in the case of a corporation or unincorporated association, the directors, (ii) in the case of a partnership, the partners, and (iii) in the case of a limited partnership, the general partners;	12(0.1)(a)(i-iii)	Feb 28, 2023	May 04, 2023
Comments: Deficiency is now compliant. The administrative gave me a physical copy of the Operator information today.			
12(0.1)(b)(i-iii) In subsection (1), an operator of a licensed facility includes: (b) in the case of a check with the Department of Social Development, (i) in the case of a corporation or unincorporated association, the directors who have contact with children receiving services in the facility or who manage the finances of the facility, (ii) in the case of a partnership, the partners who have contact with children receiving services in the facility or who manage the finances of the facility, and (iii) in the case of a limited partnership, the general partners who have contact with children receiving services in the facility or who manage the finances of the facility.	12(0.1)(b)(i-iii)	Feb 28, 2023	May 04, 2023
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31(4) An operator shall ensure that the outdoor play area of a licensed facility (a) includes a shaded area that is at least 10% of the outdoor play area.	31(4)(a)	May 08, 2023	
Comments: Now that spring has arrived, installation of shade sails in the larger outdoor play area is required. The administrator stated there are plans to remove the large climbing structure and erecting a Tiki hut which will provide shade. She was uncertain when this would be completed, so while waiting, she plans to install shade sails in this play area. There is a pergola located in the infant area but licensing staff recalls shade sails being erected in this area last year also.			
31(4) An operator shall ensure that the outdoor play area of a licensed facility (b) consists of more than one surface to permit different types of play.	31(4)(b)	May 31, 2023	

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Comments: This centre has 2 outdoor playspaces - one designated for infants and one for preschoolers. Licensing staff recalls a conversation with the Administrator about changes to the larger play space as it is not meeting section 31(4) (b). It must consist of more than one surface to permit different types of play. If the Tiki Hut does not get installed by the end of May, she will remove the pea gravel around the perimeter as there is pavement under the pea gravel. The infant area has 2 surfaces which is meeting this section of the regulation.			
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 31, 2023	
Comments: Mud kitchen needs props/implements to invite children into a variety of play opportunities. Educators can be storing natural materials in the sheds and making it available to children when outdoors, including books to read and other art materials.			
49(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall ensure that the guidance of the children receiving services at the licensed facility is positive and includes positive reinforcement, encouraging efforts and recognizing accomplishments.	49(1)	May 04, 2023	
Comments: Though many staff were observed speaking to children in a kind and caring way and using playful conversation, when interacting with children. Licensing staff overheard an educator ordering the children "faster, faster, come, lets go, hurry up, finish" when getting undressed from outdoors; then licensing staff heard an educator saying 'listen, sit, come, sit down' before reading a story. Educators must take the time and respond to children with encouragement, praise and using positive language. Prepare children for transitions and use positive language when interacting with children - by using gentle reminders, offering help with dressing and undressing and providing ample time for transitions and completion of activities.			

General Comments

Monitoring follow up report performed. Please review above comments for addressing compliances.

Verification of staff information including Operator- Board members was reviewed during the inspection visit.

Administrative records - attendance, infant toddler records were reviewed, and this info is being recorded as the day progresses. One observation - please ensure staff add signature to infant toddler records and medication records. Licensing staff observed first names only and this was discussed with the educators in the room that was identified.

Children's medication records are being tracked by staff. After discussion with the Administrator about reviewing section 10.4 pg 80-82 in the Operator manual, the administrator stated that parents are completing appropriate form for documentation of medication and health plans which is stored in the child file. However, educators while tracking administration of medication should have a copy of this health plan for ongoing medical conditions to reference. Licensing staff observed "period of time was also missing from the form in one of the classrooms, so the educator would not know how long to administer the medication as it was not indicated. Please ensure parents provide clear instructions, so staff know their responsibilities and how long to administer medication.

Today, all children were observed in outdoor play. Outdoor toys and equipment need cleaned. Licensing staff observed new storage sheds located in the outdoor play area to house smaller toys, equipment and materials and makes it easily accessible to children. Leave the doors open to make it accessible to the children. A couple of groups returned just before lunch that had gone for a walk or to the park. One educator indicated the children love going for walks and enjoy scavenger hunts, playing with knecks, blocks and Art are also popular.

Children were observed coming in from outside and washing hands. The policy at this facility is to use the one hand station in the entryway to wash children's hands before proceeding to their cubby. Licensing staff noticed the small entry way was very congested and crowded with 14 children and 2 staff trying to wash children's hands at one hand station. Licensing staff offered a suggestion to divide the group in 1/2 and coming inside with smaller groups at a time. Licensing staff observed children left standing idle and waiting to wash hands, then proceeding to their cubbies to remove their outdoor clothes, boots etc.

Indoors Educators set up stations in the classroom to support the children's interests. Currently children have been involved with Spring activities and the babies made a beautiful ladybug. Programming was posted in many of the classrooms, though one room seemed sparce and lacked sufficient toys and equipment.

Lunch served - Corn and Ham chowder with biscuits. Ample food was served, and some children asked for seconds. One would determine this meal was a hit with the children.

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Some Educators were assisted with undressing children after play, engaged with children during outdoor play etc. Remember it takes children along time to dress and undress and it is important to encourage independence, but all children need to be given appropriate time to complete these transitional activities.

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Joanne Voye Page

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

May 04, 2023

Date

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Carrie Dymond

Signature of Operator/Designate

May 04, 2023

Date