

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 Northside Daycare Center Ltd.	Licence Number 522088	Inspection Date October 14, 2021
Facility Name Northside Daycare Center		Telephone Number (506) 458-9470
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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
31(3) An operator shall maintain the outdoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children.	31(3)	Oct 27, 2021	
Comments: A couple of observations - The bridge on the wooden play structure - the chain has an exposed screw that has become detached from the bridge and needs fixed. The step leading out to the play area needs leveled as it is unsteady on one end. Please fix and advise when repairs have been completed.			
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)	Oct 27, 2021	
Comments: See comment below			

General Comments

Monitoring visit performed. Operator is following covid guidelines, ie signing in on visitor log, staff are signing attendance records for PH contact tracing purposes and wearing masks.

Upon arrival all children were observed in outdoor play. Some children were playing hide and seek and another group of children were listening to a story and the babies returned from a walk and were enjoying bubbles in their outdoor play area. I would recommend setting up programming stations in the outdoor play area that provide different type of play experiences, like they do in their classrooms. There are lots of storage containers and I would suggest reorganizing them for different types of equipment. With winter weather approaching this would be a good time to sort through and decide what could be used during the winter months.

As indicated above there are a few slides in the baby outdoor play space that require protective surfacing. I made a few suggestions for surfacing. Please refer to section 9 in the Operator manual. Educators have some good ideas for organizing the outdoor play space. I recommended maintaining peagravel in one area of this playspace to accommodate the small slides as per manufactures directions. I also emailed the Operator a handout for developing a natural outdoor play area. I hope you find the document helpful.

Educators work very well together and were observed interacting with the children, feeding them, sitting with them while they ate lunch, putting them down for a nap.

This centre has grown leaps and bounds with curriculum programming over the years. Educators are observed engaged with children and their classrooms are inviting, purposefully planned, and age appropriate toys and equipment. These play experiences can be taken outdoors and this was observed today when the educator brought a book outside to read with the children. It was a beautiful morning to be outdoors.

Afterschool educator has a great rapport with the children. Upon arrival from school she provides easy to

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understand instructions to tell the children to take their bags to the classroom, wash their hands and grab their lunches to eat outdoors for a change. The ASP programming room has defined centres, materials that are assessable and the layout of the room is very inviting.

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Joanne Voye Page

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

October 13, 2021

Date

original signed by
Sherry Canavan

Signature of Operator/Designate

October 13, 2021

Date