

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 Northside Day Care Centre Ltd.	Licence Number 522088	Inspection Date November 29, 2023
Facility Name Northside Daycare Center		Telephone Number (506) 458-9470
Address 262 Saint Marys Street Fredericton NB E3A 2S4		
Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Laura Casey		Position Title Inspector

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
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)	Nov 29, 2023	Nov 29, 2023
Comments: Plug in air fresheners are not permitted as the liquid is a toxic. Inspector removed all air fresheners during inspection. Deficiency is now compliant.			
48(4) If an infant is receiving services at a licensed facility, the operator shall (a) hold the bottle at all times during the feeding of an infant who is bottle-fed unless the infant is able to hold the bottle himself or herself.	48(4)(a)	Nov 29, 2023	Nov 29, 2023
Comments: A child was observed laying down with a bottle on their nap cot in the 15-23m room. Infants and children are not permitted to have bottles at nap time or while resting. Addressed with classroom Educator at the time of inspection and discussed with Operator. Deficiency is now compliant.			

General Comments Upon Licensing staff arrival, the children were finishing their morning snack. The main entry way was bright and welcoming, and all required documentation as posted on the parent board. Monthly fire drills are being completed and logged as well as outdoor playground maintenance checks. As a reminder, please be cautious of the ice buildup in the winter months on the playground. Apply sand when needed as it can be very slippery while playing. Upstairs, in the 2-year-old room, the children were observed playing with the wooden play kitchen, books, and Bingo dabbers on a large piece of paper. The room was tidy and organized and play material was set up in centres. Labelled baskets of open-ended toys were readily available on low shelves and elements of nature were incorporated into the space. Down the hall, the infant rooms were also clean and well organized. Play material such as books, sensory stations, play kitchens, mirrors, dolls, balls, trucks, and age-appropriate puzzles were all in good condition. Family photos were on the wall as well as pictures of animals, colourful
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General Comments

numbers and letters and photos of Fredericton buildings and landmarks. Before going outdoors, an Educator in the 15-23-month room, was observed sitting on the floor with the children reading a book. The Educator asked the children what sounds the animals on the wall make. Words of encouragement and praise were heard when the children would make the corresponding animal sounds.

Downstairs, the 3-year-old and the 4-year-old classrooms were clean and tidy. Play material was in good condition and organized in centres. Cozy corners with books, dramatic play material such as puppets and costumes were available, and labelled baskets of open-ended toys were easily accessible. Twinkle lights and elements of nature were in both classrooms and family photos were on the wall. The downstairs hallway had children's artwork on display and the children's belongings were neatly organized on hooks. When getting ready to go outdoors, Educators were observed helping with zippers and winter boots and the children lined up together before leaving the building. The outdoor play space is large for each age group and fully fenced. The older preschool aged children were observed playing with Educators on the wooden play structure and building a fort out of large wooden blocks. The infant aged children were observed playing on small play structures, a stationary bouncy chair, and walking and singing with Educators.

As Wednesday is a half day of school, the after-school age children arrived just before lunch time. The after-school space is clean and had an ample amount of play material such as Lego, Barbies, board games, books, and art supplies. During lunch time, Educators in each classroom were observed sitting with the children and were actively engaged in conversation. The transition from lunch to nap time for the infants and the 2-year-old and 3-year-old preschool aged children was smooth. The rooms were calm and soothing music was played. During nap, cots were spaced out accordingly and Educators were observed rubbing backs and sitting with the children until they fell asleep. Some of the children woke up before others and were observed playing quietly or snuggling with Educators. Later in the afternoon, the after-school age children went outside to play and were dressed appropriately for the colder weather.

Staff and child files were verified, and all required documentation was present. Licensing staff recommends for renewal.

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Laura Casey

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

November 29, 2023

Date

original signed by
Sherry Canavan

Signature of Operator/Designate

November 29, 2023

Date