

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 Fredericton Early Learning Center Inc.	Licence Number 524095	Inspection Date September 28, 2023
Facility Name Fredericton Early Learning Centre		Telephone Number (506) 452-8894
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Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Laura Casey		Position Title Inspector

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
21 The daily activities of a licensed facility shall be purposely planned in advance and documented and shall respond to the capabilities, needs and interests of each child and shall include (b) indoor and outdoor opportunities for physical activity.	21(b)	Sep 29, 2023	
Comments: It was noted that during my inspection the 4-year-old group remained outdoors from the time I arrived, shortly before 9:00am, and remained outdoors until after 3:00pm when I left. There must be planned indoor and outdoor programming as well as activities for all age groups.			
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: (v) the child's health history and a copy of the record of immunizations or a copy of an exemption.	24(1)(b)(v)	Oct 12, 2023	
Comments: Child profile did not contain health history, immunization record or copy of exemption.			
41(3) An operator of a licensed facility shall (a) post diaper-changing procedures in diaper-changing areas.	41(3)(a)	Sep 28, 2023	Sep 28, 2023
Comments: Procedures were not posted in the upstairs washroom. Educator posted during inspection. Deficiency is now compliant.			
47(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall refuse admission to a child if satisfactory proof of the immunizations required by the Public Health Act or the regulations under that Act is not provided.	47(1)	Oct 12, 2023	
Comments: Child profile did not contain proof of immunization records or exemption.			

<p>General Comments</p> <p>Upon Licensing staff arrival, the 3-year-old and 4-year-old children were playing outdoors. The outdoor space is large and consists of different play surfaces and materials. The children were observed playing with cars and trucks, on swings, using a mud kitchen with pots and pans, feeding dolls, digging in large sandbox, and climbing on a tire and a large pipe. Educators were observed sitting with children reading a book and helping some children dig for dinosaur bones in a bin of loose play pieces such as pinecones, sticks and wood shavings. Educators maintained clear lines of site and were actively engaged with the children.</p>
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General Comments

During snack time, the 2-year-olds had snack indoors and the 3-year-old and 4-year-old children ate outdoors. Educators sat with the children and helped with packaging when asked. After snack, both groups of children played outside together.

The main entry way to the facility is welcoming with the children's belongings labeled on hooks. The parent board was visible and organized with required documentation such as the daily routine and monthly calendar. In each room, allergies were posted as well as an emergency evacuation plan. The 2-year-old rooms on the main level were tidy and had learning stories and children's artwork posted. Each room had wooden blocks puzzles and beads, art supplies, a cozy corner with books and family photos. The 3–4-year-old rooms upstairs, were neat, clean and had fall learning stories and webs posted. Each room had wooden blocks, art supplies, sensory play pieces, puzzles, and play kitchens with little brooms and mops.

The transition for the 2-year-old children between outdoors and lunch time was smooth. Educators were observed helping the children's hands and getting lunch bags ready at the tables. Music was played in the rooms during lunch time. The 4-year-old group stayed outdoors to eat at the tables under the umbrellas and the 3-year-old and 4-year-old mixed group came inside to eat. While upstairs getting ready for lunch, Educators played the song "the floor is lava" while taking turns washing their hands before eating. Educators were engaged in conversation with the children and sat with them while eating.

During nap time, the front classroom was being used the main nap room. Please ensure that during nap time, mats are spaced 46cms apart. The children upstairs in the 3-year-old and 4-year-old mixed group had quiet time and played with magnet tiles, toys and some were colouring with dry erase markers. The 4-year-old group remained outdoors for the day. Snacks and lunch were eaten outdoors at the table and lunch bags were hanging on the fence. Please ensure that the children are given rest periods or a change of pace throughout the day.

As a reminder, please ensure that EpiPens are easily accessible in case of an emergency. Also, licensing staff noted that the ceiling in the downstairs washroom has a garbage bag and tape covering some tiles. Please have this repaired as soon as possible.

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Laura Casey

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

September 29, 2023

Date

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Carla Flynn

Signature of Operator/Designate

September 29, 2023

Date