

## 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 Woodstock Childcare Inc	Licence Number 636001	Inspection Date August 02, 2023	
Facility Name Woodstock Child Care		Telephone Number (506) 328-9722	
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Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Nancy Glendenning		Position Title Inspector	

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
11 The qualifications and training requirements for administrators and educators are as follows: (a) an administrator and educators must hold a valid first aid certificate and a valid cardiopulmonary resuscitation certificate;	11(a)	Aug 25, 2023	
Comments: There was a staff that did not have a current first aid and CPR certification. Please provide proof of certification or enrollment to these classes.			
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 (a) time and space for and a free choice of play experiences for exploration and discovery.	21(a)	Aug 25, 2023	
Comments: The two year old room is lacking materials and learning centres to provide a space that offers free choice or play experiences. These experiences should be visible both indoors and outdoors. The outdoor play space is missing appropriate materials to set up learning centres.			
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 (c) opportunities (i) for group and individual experiences.	21(c)(i)	Aug 25, 2023	
Comments: Please see comments below. Each room must reference the New Brunswick Curriculum Framework.			
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 (c) opportunities (ii) to explore various forms of literacy.	21(c)(ii)	Aug 25, 2023	
Comments: All groups should have a variety of literacy experiences such as music, books, etc...Please reference the New Brunswick Curriculum Framework.			
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 (c) opportunities (iii) to express creativity and interests.	21(c)(iii)	Aug 25, 2023	
Comments: Please reference the New Brunswick Curriculum Framework			

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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 (c) opportunities (iv) to explore the arts and sciences.	21(c)(iv)	Aug 25, 2023	
Comments: Please reference the New Brunswick Curriculum Framework			
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 (c) opportunities (v) to experience accomplishment and success.	21(c)(v)	Aug 25, 2023	
Comments: The children require opportunities to experience accomplishment and success.			
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 (c) opportunities (vi) to problem-solve.	21(c)(vi)	Aug 25, 2023	
Comments: Please see comments below on child guidance.			
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 (c) opportunities (vii) to develop trusting, respectful and supportive relationships with educators and children.	21(c)(vii)	Aug 25, 2023	
Comments: Please see comments below on child guidance.			
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: (c) staff member records that include (iii) a description of the staff member's duties and responsibilities.	24(1)(c)(iii)	Aug 25, 2023	
Comments: Some of the staff files were missing a description of their duties and responsibilities			
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: (c) staff member records that include (iv) a signed declaration confirming that the staff member has read and understood his or her obligations under the Act and this Regulation.	24(1)(c)(iv)	Aug 25, 2023	
Comments: Some of the staff were missing their signed statement in their files			
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: (c) staff member records that include (vi) a copy of a check with the Department of Social Development.	24(1)(c)(vi)	Aug 25, 2023	
Comments: There was a relief staff who did not have a social development check in their file.			
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: (c) staff member records that include (vii) a copy of a valid first aid certificate and a valid cardiopulmonary resuscitation certificate for each administrator and educator.	24(1)(c)(vii)	Aug 25, 2023	
Comments: There was staff missing a copy of their first aid and cpr certification in their files.			
30(3) An operator shall maintain the indoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children.	30(3)	Aug 02, 2023	
Comments: Outside the kitchen, there is an area that is being used for storage. It requires to be organized and cleaned. The infant sleep space cannot be used for storage at any time. Please remove all items that are not used for infant sleeping. Also, the two year old floors were extremely dirty. Licensing staff's feet were sticking to quite a large area as they walked across the floor. All eating areas need to be immediately cleaned up after each meal or snack and floors must be cleaned daily.			
31(3) An operator shall maintain the outdoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children.	31(3)	Aug 25, 2023	

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Comments: The preschool outdoor play space has broken toys in the area that must be removed, the black tubing is broken and has sharp edges. Repairs are required.			
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)	Aug 25, 2023	
Comments: The current shade netting has holes in it. It needs to be repaired or replaced.			
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)	Aug 25, 2023	
Comments: The infant area requires another surfacing to promote a different kind of play.			
32(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall provide indoor play area materials and equipment that are (a) varied and in sufficient quantity for the number and ages of the children receiving services at the licensed facility.	32(1)(a)	Aug 25, 2023	
Comments: Learning centres and materials need to be accessible in all classrooms at all times.			
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)	Aug 25, 2023	
Comments: Learning Centres need to be set up outside. As the summer weather has arrived, the children are spending large amounts of time outdoors. The learning must be brought into their outdoor environment.			
36(3) The rest area of a full-time early learning and childcare centre and an early learning and childcare home shall be equipped with the following: (b) a cot or nap mat appropriate for the height of the child for each child who is at least 15 months of age and under five years of age who takes naps.	36(3)(b)	Aug 25, 2023	
Comments: Children in the 4 year old room are having 45 minute rest periods. Not all children have a cot or mat to rest on. Please provide cot or mats for each child in the facility aged 15 months to 5 years. Also there are two children in the two year old room who are being put to sleep in play pens. Educators and Operator were advised that the children must be able to physically fit in the playpens and not exceed the weight requirement. However, the children must start to transition onto cots. The educators expressed their concerns as the children will not stay on the cots. Educators were advised that playpens are not to be used as a method to contain a child.			
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)	Aug 02, 2023	
Comments: There were toxic products stored in both a cupboard and at the level of the children in the 4 year old room. Licensing staff removed the products and gave it to the kitchen staff to be locked up.			

General Comments
<p>Program planning must be a process that engages the children and reflects on the children's interests, passions, strengths, and abilities. The daily program must incorporate the interests of the children, allow for spontaneous activities, and allow for a different pace when needed by either the children or the educators.</p> <p>It was observed that some rooms were lacking in resources and did not have well-defined learning centres set up for children to carry out the intended activity. Licensing staff observed materials being stored rather than being put into the classroom. Accessories to centres like dramatic play were lacking or absent and art materials are not accessible to the children especially in the younger age groups. It is important to create an environment rich in play opportunities which includes a wide variety of toys, equipment and materials to allow for spontaneous activities in both the indoor and outdoor play environments..</p> <p>The learning centres should include but are not limited to the following: a book / reading area, an art area, a dramatic play area, a construction area, science / math centre, an area for music / movement, and a sensory area, loose parts, etc.. Please reference the curriculum framework to further enhance your environments.</p>

## General Comments

Please note that there were bags being stored in the playpens in the two year old rooms. Sleeping cots, playpens or cribs must never be used for storage.

Attendance records are not accompanying educators when they go outside. Please ensure attendance records go where the children are going including during fire drills.

Licensing staff observed 9 children in the bathroom at once. Children were going into the bathroom stalls together, and pushing each other at and on the gate. It was a very chaotic environment where positive child guidance was lacking because educators were using words such as "stop" "no" "go" instead of using the opportunity as a teachable moment. This type of environment does not promote problem solving, respectful relationships, or give the children to explore opportunity and success. It is imperative that smaller groups go into the washroom for this reason.

Also, licensing staff observed children crying during lunch time because one of the educators insisted on the children having crackers in their soup or eating all of their soup before getting more crackers. Ham was also being dropped in the children's bowls of soup rather than being put on a plate on the side. Children should respectfully be given choices to how they want to eat their food. The appropriate dishware should be given to serve all food. Children should not be eating off the table. The ham given in most of the rooms was being dropped onto the table rather than a plate.

High chairs and playpens are to never be used for children as a way to contain them during lunch and nap time in the two year old room. Educators need to model appropriate behavior and allow the children to sit at the table with the other children and sleep on the cots which is inclusive and developmentally appropriate.

The area surrounding the outdoor play space has safety concerns. The Operator stated that the children only play in the fenced in play spaces however the environment outside the play area must be amended for the safety of the children. The storage shed's door must be removed from the side of the shed and the broken lock which is sharp removed from the building as well. The children must not have access to inside the storage shed.

Files were organized and filed in a way that was easily verified by licensing staff.

Educators in some of the rooms did have learning stories and pictures of the children posted in their rooms.

Please see comments throughout and licensing staff will return for a follow-up visit.

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Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

August 02, 2023

Date

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Jennifer Tompkins

Signature of Operator/Designate

August 02, 2023

Date