

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 The Preschool Centre Inc.	Licence Number 2005777	Inspection Date October 12, 2022	
Facility Name Montgomery Street Afterschool		Telephone Number (506) 476-2066	
Address 860 Grandame Street Fredericton NB E3B 3Z8			
Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Sabrina Diotte		Position Title Inspector	

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
25 An operator of a licensed facility shall post in a clearly visible and prominent place on the premises: (c) instructions regarding evacuation in case of a fire as approved by the fire marshal, deputy fire marshal or fire prevention officer.	25(c)	Oct 19, 2022	
Comments: Evacuation procedures must be posted at all emergency exit doors. There is no evacuation procedures at the main entrance/exit door and therefore, must be added.			
29 An operator of a licensed facility shall ensure that the traffic area and the outdoor walk-ways of the licensed facility are free from obstructions and hazards.	29	Oct 12, 2022	
Comments: When I arrived, the plasma cars were stored in the entryway. That would not be safe during an emergency requiring emergency evacuation or even in general when exiting the building as it was blocking the exit way. Doorways or hallways must not be obstructed.			
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)	Oct 12, 2022	
Comments: There are multiple bottles of hydrogen peroxide on an open shelf, at reach to children. That product can be toxic if ingested and therefore, should be lock by key at all times.			
9(1) The child-to-staff ratio is one educator for each of the following groups of children of the same age receiving services at a full-time or part-time early learning and childcare centre: (a) three infants or fewer; (b) five children or fewer who are two years of age; (c) eight children or fewer who are three years of age; (d) ten children or fewer who are four years of age or older, but who are not yet attending school; and (e) 15 school-age children or fewer.	9(1)	Oct 12, 2022	
Comments: While I was inside conducting my inspection of the premises, many children came inside unsupervised to get their water bottles or a cup of water or to use the washroom. Sometimes, they got distracted with other things like playing with the balloons on the way out. Children must be always supervised. Although indirect supervision can be given to school -age children, this would not be considered indirect supervision, but rather unsupervised. When going outside it should be practice for the children to bring their water bottles with them, this way it avoids children coming in and out and being unsupervised and a staff member should always be coming inside with them.			

General Comments

When I arrived at 1:30, the children were cleaning up after having snack and watching a movie. The children then got ready and went outside.

New materials have been added since my last inspection. Also new paint and shelving. There are different types of materials such as wood blocks, puzzles, board games, arts and crafts supplies and pretend play materials.

When asked how many times children watch the television, I was advised that the television is used for special movie days such as today and sometimes for paint and sit videos on YouTube or trivia games.

During my inspection of the centre, I observed 3 TV's, one Wii video game system, countless movies and also a pacman video game machine. The educator advised that 2 of the 3 TV's are not working, the wii video game system is sometimes used on rainy days with sports games or dance games and the pacman video game machine is also sometimes used on rainy days when children cannot go outside.

I would recommend that the video games be removed and that if the televisions are being used, they must be used while following the guidelines identified in section 7.3 Digital Technologies of the Operator Manual. I would also recommend that Appendix 24 of the Operator Manual be reviewed as it provides recommendation on appropriate materials for school-age children. This would provide ideas on materials to use during rainy days instead of using video games.

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Sabrina Diotte

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

October 12, 2022

Date

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Jolene Dorcas

Signature of Operator/Designate

October 12, 2022

Date