

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.

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| Name of operator Step Ahead - Bath Family Learning Centre Inc. | Licence Number 2008438 | Inspection Date August 29, 2023 | |
| Facility Name Step Ahead - Bath Family Learning Center | | Telephone Number (506) 278-3959 | |
| Address 112 School St Bath NB E7J 1C4 | | | |
| Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Nancy Glendenning | | Position Title Inspector | |
| Order for Compliance | Regulation | Date to be corrected | Date corrected |
| 49(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall ensure that the guidance of the children receiving services at the licensed facility is positive and includes positive reinforcement, encouraging efforts and recognizing accomplishments. | 49(1) | Aug 16, 2023 | Aug 16, 2023 |
| Comments: Licensing staff observed some staff sitting and not engaging with the children. Licensing staff addressed the administrator's regarding this issue and stated that it would be addressed at their staff meeting. In order to foster relationships and guide children, educators must engage with them. | | | |

General Comments

Overall, the level of quality has gone up in this facility. Documentation for licensing was organized and easily verified by licensing staff.

The outdoor play area should be an extension of the indoor play environment, providing many of the same opportunities, including space for creative, quiet, pretend and sensory experiences. Outdoor play areas must provide a natural space inviting to children. Children are encouraged to discover, learn, create, move, manipulate, explore, play by themselves, play with others and pursue their fields of interest.

More materials and accessories for each learning centre needs to be added to the outdoor play space to create learning opportunities for the children. The inspector is going to refer this facility to the quality assurance monitor for more support in this area. Currently there is enough materials to recommend for licensing but facility could use additional support to bring up quality.

The school age space was set up with many materials and learning centres available for the children. Please remind educators that even though the materials need to be moved in and out of the gym area during the school year that it is necessary that centres are set up daily.

Please give the educator's a reminder to date their documentation and their pre-planned programming. Licensing staff should be able to verify the learning completed on monitoring visits and the inspector should be able to see the process completed for each age group served for the year during the annual inspection. The quality assurance monitor, Jenelle Hanscom stated she would give facility a referral to the curriculum team and help the facility to achieve their goals.

General Comments

original signed by
Nancy Glendenning

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

August 16, 2023

Date

original signed by
Crystal Fish

Signature of Operator/Designate

August 16, 2023

Date