

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 YMCA of Southwestern New Brunswick Inc.		Inspection Date March 20, 2026
Facility Name YMCA - South Hub - Child Care		Licence Number 2009428
Address 223 St. James Street Saint John NB E2L 1W3		Telephone Number (506) 646-2106
Type of Facility Full-time Early Learning and Childcare Centre	Maximum Number of Children 54	Ages of Children INFANTS PRESCHOOL
ELCC Licensing Staff Aimee Hanson	Position Title Inspector	

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
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<p>General Comments</p> <p>A renewal inspection was completed on March 20, 2026, for the childcare license. The parent board was posted and included previous inspection reports, fire and health inspection records, and contact information for the Board of Directors and Licensing. Fire drills were observed and documented, and each exit had a fire escape plan posted.</p> <p>In the infant room educators were observed engaging with children at their level. The room displayed labeled bins with children's names and hooks for their belongings. The small back room space included a wooden slide and a spinning disc for climbing and gross-motor play. A small table, couch, chair, and rug created a cozy area. Educators maintained a documentation book containing previous artwork and learning stories for each child.</p> <p>In the twos room a light-up tough tray was set up with various sensory materials. Children showed interest in babies, food, and salon play. Educators provided materials reflecting these interests, including dolls, a toy hair dryer, and a stethoscope. Open-ended art was displayed. Children ate pizza for lunch, and it was noted that when children asked for more, the educator retrieved additional slices from the kitchen.</p> <p>In the threes room a cozy corner was set up with a couch and books, including Chicken, Pig, Cow. Children were learning about melons. Educators provided a cantaloupe, cut it in half, and invited children to touch and explore it. They asked open-ended questions such as, "Do you think it grows on the ground or in a tree?"</p> <p>In the fours room dollhouses with various accessories were available. Children were currently interested in vacations and places they like to visit. A cozy corner was also set up for quiet reading and breaks.</p> <p>The outdoor space included materials for digging and play, such as a tough tray with rocks and shovels. The inspector discussed concerns with administration regarding the infant play-space fence, which was leaning significantly and deemed unsafe. The inspector temporarily propped the gate against a tree to stabilize it and thinks if the facility secures it to the tree, it can be functional. Licensing is not recommending infants use this</p>
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General Comments

space until repairs are completed. The Quality Assurance Monitor will check the area during the next visit. Administration will update Licensing once repairs are made.

The gate entering the main play yard had a hole underneath due to dirt shifting over the winter. It is recommended that the dirt be shoveled to reduce the gap and prevent potential incidents. Administration will update Licensing once this is completed, and the Quality Assurance Monitor will verify at the next visit.

All staff files were observed and found complete. Twenty-five children's files were reviewed and were also complete.

Administration is to send the remaining Professional Learning (PL) hours before the license expiry in April to meet licensing requirements for renewal.

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Aimee Hanson

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

March 20, 2026

Date

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Operator did not send back signed copy

Signature of Operator/Designated staff

March 20, 2026

Date

"I hereby acknowledge receipt of this report"