

Early Learning and Childcare Facility Inspection Report

Type of Inspection:
Monitoring 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 Start Smart Family Learning Center Inc.	Licence Number 2010207	Inspection Date July 25, 2022
Facility Name Start Smart Family Learning Centre		Telephone Number (506) 363-3765
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Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Joanne Voyer Page		Position Title Quality Assurance Monitor

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
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. Comments: Please refer to comment below.	33(1)	Jul 26, 2022	
33(2) Stationary equipment in the outdoor play area shall be surrounded by a protective surfacing and installed according to the manufacturer's instructions. Comments: Deficiency is now compliant	33(2)	Jun 17, 2022	Jul 25, 2022

General Comments

Follow up monitoring visit.
Upon arrival the preschoolers had woken from nap and they were observed eating snack before going outside. Beautiful breeze today.
The school age group came in from outside play and were eating snack also. Lots of great programming taking place. Last week the educators organized science week and the children were going to decide if the experiments they did last week were successful. This week is all about food and nutrition and children made and drank smoothies this AM, and this afternoon they are making a Healthier Cookie dip and trying them out with animal crackers.
Appropriate child guidance was observed. Educators were engaged and able to anticipate a safety concern when a child was leaning up against a chair that was slightly tipped. The educator asked the child not to lean as she could slip and go backwards.
I book I was referring to the school age educator was the NB Playbook which is designed for school age programs. There is also a preschool version of the NB playbook. Lots of activities outlined and it may give educators some ideas to assist in planning outdoor play experiences.
As discussed during my visit in June, I reminded Educators to set up the preschool outdoor play environment so children have daily access to a variety of purposefully planned activities, opportunities, and experiences. The educator will need to set up the outdoor area in the AM and due to ongoing vandalism, they need to put all toys, equipment and materials into the locked storage building at the end of each day. I observed the addition of a new water wall and the mud kitchen had no implements either. The water table could also be set up near the water wall. The Administrator is working on making changes to the outdoor play space.

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Another observation is the grass needs to be mowed and should be maintained. It is my understanding the school is responsible to hire a contractor to do this work. As per discussed please discuss with school personnel or the Board may need to make other arrangements to keep the grass cut in the outdoor play area. I met with the Administrator briefly in the outdoor play area as she had stopped by to drop off some office supplies. The Administrator was made aware during my visit the Dome structure is for residential use only and cannot be used in the outdoor play space. The Administrator will decide next steps. Protective surfacing required can be determined following manufacturer instructions or follow CSA guidelines outlined in the Operator manual. The little tykes climber now has protective pea gravel surrounding the structure.

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Joanne Voye Page

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

July 25, 2022

Date

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Lisa Hill

Signature of Operator/Designate

July 25, 2022

Date