

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 Start Smart Family Learning Center Inc.	Licence Number 2010207	Inspection Date November 14, 2023	
Facility Name Start Smart Family Learning Centre		Telephone Number (506) 363-3765	
Address 20 617 Route Burtt's Corner NB E6L 2X3			
Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Laura Casey		Position Title Inspector	
Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
31(3) An operator shall maintain the outdoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children.	31(3)	Nov 14, 2023	Nov 14, 2023
Comments: A board was missing from the mud kitchen and had nails exposed. The Administrator pounded in the nails to make it safe during my inspection. Administrator advised that the mud kitchen will be removed from the outdoor play space. Deficiency is now compliant.			

<p>General Comments</p> <p>Upon Licensing staff arrival, the children were sitting together having a snack. After snack, the children were observed playing throughout the space with a variety of material. The room is set up in centers and toys are organized in easily accessible bins or on shelves. Play material such as Barbies, Mr. Potato Head, loose play pieces, wooden blocks, a train table, cars, trucks, board games, dolls and play clothes, as well as a nice reading corner with books were all in good condition and clean. Current learning stories about birds and bear dens were posted on the walls with children's artwork and an Educator was observed during the day preparing activities and planning for the week.</p> <p>Later in the morning, the children got ready to go outdoors to play. Educators were observed helping the children with their snowpants, coats, hats and mittens. Educators were engaged in conversation with the children and positive child guidance was observed. Kind reminders for gentle hands were heard as well as words of encouragement and praise. Before leaving the classroom, the children chose a friend to hold hands with and an Educator was observed conducting a head count. The First Aid backpack was taken outdoors, and another head count was conducted as the children entered the gate. As a reminder, please ensure the gate is able to latch properly as the ground has begun to freeze causing the fence to shift. The outdoor play space has a large play area with a sheltered sandbox, small playhouses, and slides. Additional play material was brought out of the storage shed and the children were observed playing with tricycles, trucks, wheel barrels, rakes, shovels and digging in the sand box. Educators were spread out and were observed sitting in the sandbox playing with the children and helping them on the tricycles, pushing cars, and pretending to fish.</p> <p>When the children came indoors, they hung up all their outdoor clothing in their cubbies. Cubbies are labeled with their names and belongings are tidy. Nap blankets and stuffed animals are above in bins. The children</p>
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General Comments

were observed washing their hands before gathering for the day of the week activity on the carpet. An Educator was observed sitting on the carpet with the children and passed around the talking stick for taking turns. The Educator asked each of the children about their feelings and a lot of hugs and caring words about feelings were observed. After each of the children shared their feelings, they went and picked up their lunch bags and water bottles to sit for lunch. During lunch, two Educators sat with the children while another prepared the room for nap time.

While the children finished their lunch and prepared for nap time, I was provided a tour of the after-school space in the cafeteria. There were cubbies with the children's belongings, bins of loose play material and a large storage cabinet with additional material. The space was clean and monthly calendar of activities was posted.

During nap time, the lights were dimmed, and cots were spaced out. Educators and the Administrator spoke softly to the children while getting them cozy and settled. Children who did not nap, rested for 30 minutes and then played quietly.

Child and staff files were verified and contained all required documentation. The parent board was visible, fire drills are being logged and emergency evacuation procedures are posted.

Licensing staff recommends for renewal pending Health.

original signed by
Laura Casey

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

November 14, 2023

Date

original signed by
Lisa Hill

Signature of Operator/Designate

November 14, 2023

Date