



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 September 28, 2023
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
31(3) An operator shall maintain the outdoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children.	31(3)	Oct 12, 2023	
Comments: Licensing staff observed a few concerns that need addressed. Please remove the umbrella now that the cover has been removed. The spokes of the umbrella pose a danger. Install more fence hooks on the chain-link fence, as they are missing. The gate that attaches to the chain-link fence post needs adjusted so it easily latches. The plywood platform needs replaced used to enter the shed. It is rotting out in places and is soft to walk on and poses a hazard.			
50(2) The operator of a licensed facility shall inform the parent or guardian of a child involved in an incident on the day the incident takes place and shall ensure that the parent or guardian signs the daily log to confirm their awareness.	50(2)	Sep 29, 2023	
Comments: One incident that took place this week was unsigned by the parent. Please ensure the parent signs this report and email a copy to me for verification. I did recommend to the Administrator the importance of documenting all incidents no matter if illness related or injury or in other types of incidents should be recorded so parents are being made aware the day of.			

General Comments

Upon arrival, all children and 2 educators were observed in the fenced in outdoor play space. Licensing staff walked out to greet the children and educators. Licensing staff observed a nice new shed installed to replace the one that had been destroyed in the summer. Vandalism continues to be an issue on school property. The new shed houses shelves and bins to help organize all the toys and equipment and everything is locked at the end of the day. Toys and equipment are easily accessible to the children.

Children were involved in a variety of activities. Some children were playing in small groups. There was a large group of children playing in the big sand box. They were pretending to make cake, soup and chili and were asking educators to pretend to taste the recipes. Staff were engaged and interacted with children and a discussion ensued regarding healthy foods. (this would be an opportunity for educators to build on this topic in the indoor programming stations). They were scooping dirt into different pots and pans using spoons and small shovels. There were also plastic food toys that were being used to make the recipes. Other children were playing with small tractors scooping up dirt and rocks, some were playing on a teeter totter; another child was observed mowing the lawn and two other children played on the ride on car and tricycles. Children were appropriately supervised at all times in the outdoor play space. Educators addressed any behavior concerns and redirected children. This might be a good time to involve children in their own decision making rather than

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the educator making the decisions for the children.

A few outdoor maintenance concerns were observed. Please refer to the compliance mentioned above.

All children enjoyed listening to a story when they came indoors. "What makes you mad' during circle. Lots of conversation took place with the children as the educator encouraged them to share with her ' what makes you mad'. She also talked about what they do, if they get mad. The educator said to the children "Do you remember what we do at preschool?"- ' We take a deep breath and let it out to help calm ourselves'. So everyone practiced taking in a deep breath. There is ample staff on site to meet staff child ratio even during naptime. All children nap, however, as observed in the past any child that wakes is permitted to move off the cot and play quietly at the tables. This was observed during my visit today.

I advised the Administrator that Laura Casey is the new Licensing Inspector for this facility Her tele # is 506-259-5197. I remain as your Quality assurance inspector.

Appropriate child guidance was observed and comments like "good job" and 'place your boots on the mat nicely please'. Staff were observed helping children with taking jackets off and with opening lunch containers. Lots of pleasant conversation happened during lunch making this time enjoyable.

Administrator records were reviewed - new staff info, attendance is tracked, outdoor check list was completed and fire drills are performed and recorded.

original signed by
Joanne Voye Page

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

September 28, 2023

Date

original signed by
Lisa Hill

Signature of Operator/Designate

September 28, 2023

Date