

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 Ann-Marie Adams	Licence Number 2010297	Inspection Date April 21, 2022	
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Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Cathleen LeBlanc		Position Title Quality Assurance Monitor	
Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
21 A licensee shall post the following documents in a clearly visible and prominent place in the facility associated with the licence: (a) the licence; (b) a report provided under section 23; (c) an order issued under section 28; and (d) a probationary license issued under section 29.	21(a) – (d)	May 23, 2022	
Comments: Renewal inspection report for 2021 is not posted. Ensure that the renewal inspection report remains posted along with the corresponding follow up inspection.			
24(1) For the purposes of subsection 20(1) of the Act, the following records and documents shall be maintained on the premises of a licensed facility: (c) staff member records that include (vii) a copy of a valid first aid certificate and a valid cardiopulmonary resuscitation certificate for each administrator and educator.	24(1)(c)(vii)	Apr 29, 2022	
Comments: Valid CPR/First Aid certificates are missing for 2 staff members. One staff member confirmed this has been completed, but has not been able to access the certificate. To be added to staff files.			
30(3) An operator shall maintain the indoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children.	30(3)	May 23, 2022	
Comments: Walls and baseboard in entry way near window need to be cleaned and repainted. Walls throughout the indoor play environment require staples removed, holes filled, crack fill in some areas and then to be repainted. Specifically, some areas that were discussed with staff were: walls near block area and climber, walls near reading area, and walls near bottom of stairs, over the heater within the dramatic play area and also on the wall with the map. Recommending that operator removes documentation from walls over the summer while closed and completes repairs/painting at that time. Book shelf containing framed art is loose-needs readjusted. Baseboard inside washroom used for diaper changing is cracked and needs to be secured.			
31(3) An operator shall maintain the outdoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children.	31(3)	May 06, 2022	

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<p>Comments: Some nails need to be hammered in on arm rest of bench. Lattice and wood containing exposed nails was sticking out under gazebo storage area-to be removed. Metal poles have surfaced from underground within the outdoor play area. These have been marked and covered with pieces of wood but need to be removed from the ground as soon as possible. Additional mulch is needed to ensure safety from falls under climber and swings. This was raked today but mulch needs to be replenished. Ensure manufacturer recommendations for surfacing are being met.</p> <p>Protruding nails were noted in multiple fence boards. A thorough inspection of fence boards is required. All nails, splintering wood to be removed.</p> <p>Water is collecting in the middle of the outdoor play area due to rainfall/drainage problem. This area has been blocked off with drain tile but this area must be assessed by a professional and fixed to drain properly to ensure the children's safety and prevent standing water from accumulating.</p> <p>The back deck on the operator's home has become detached and is falling in toward the house. This reportedly occurred over the winter months. Staff report that the children are aware of the boundaries, and that they are not permitted near the deck. Because the children still have access to under this deck within the fenced in outdoor play area, inspector is requesting that caution tape is put up to ensure proper understanding of boundaries and that children do not go near the deck. The deck must be fixed to remove this hazard prior to operator reopening at end of summer 2022.</p>			
31(6) The outdoor play area of a full-time or part-time early learning and childcare centre at which services are provided to infants or preschool children shall be enclosed with a fence at least 1.22 m in height with a gate that is secured at all times when the children are present.	31(6)	Aug 19, 2022	
<p>Comments: The wooden fence enclosing the outdoor play area is not secure. Some wood is rotten, splintering and must be supported by other objects to prevent posts from falling over. It has been patched with other boards and pallets but it is no longer safe and meeting the fencing requirement. A new fence is required. Discussed with operator. This can be completed once the facility closes for the summer but it must be in place prior to reopening at the end of August of 2022.</p> <p>Any protruding nails, splintering boards or gaps in the fence (if rotten boards are to come off) must be fixed immediately to ensure the children's safety.</p>			
32(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall provide indoor play area materials and equipment that are (d) clean and in good repair.	32(1)(d)	May 23, 2022	
<p>Comments: Child size table within dramatic play area (round and blue) is scratched and paint coming off. To be repainted.</p> <p>Yellow table needs a deep clean to remove residue from tape.</p>			
39(2) A licensed facility shall have a separate locked storage space that is inaccessible to the children for each of the following: (a) toxic products, chemical products and cleaning supplies;	39(2)(a)	Apr 21, 2022	
<p>Comments: Bug spray was observed in first aid kit on shelf in entry way. This says "keep out of reach of children" and must be locked.</p>			
39(2) A licensed facility shall have a separate locked storage space that is inaccessible to the children for each of the following: (b) medications.	39(2)(b)	Apr 21, 2022	
<p>Comments: Benadryl was observed within First Aid kit on top shelf in entry way. This must be locked up unless it is to be used for an extreme allergy. If so, an extreme allergy plan is to be completed.</p>			
41(1) A licensed facility at which services are provided to children who wear diapers shall have a sturdy surface that is (b) covered with a non-absorbent layer.	41(1)(b)	Apr 21, 2022	
<p>Comments: Cotton elastic change pad cover observed on change pad. This must be removed as it is an absorbent material. Each individual child who uses this could have their own change pad that is placed on top of the change pad if they wish, but both pieces need to be sanitized following a diaper change.</p>			

General Comments
<p>Renewal inspection was completed today.</p> <p>The children were observed indoors and outdoors.</p> <p>Handwashing routines occurred when the children came inside for lunch.</p> <p>The entryway was noted to be tidy and organized today. The staff have bins prepared to take materials and equipment (mark making, creative art, etc.) outdoors and these are stored within the entryway for easy access.</p>

General Comments

The children were observed freely circulating interest areas and exploring the various invitations that had been set out for them. The current topics of interests were easily identifiable within the environment (inside and outdoors). The children have been exploring insects, bugs, birds and plants.

Materials and props have been added to the children's indoor environment to support this. The dramatic play area has been transformed into a flower shop.

Opportunities for the children to engage in gross motor play, exploring loose parts, creative art, sensory play, building with blocks were offered and set up during today's inspection.

The outdoor play area is in need of care, landscaping and repairs. Some materials and equipment that could be added to enhance the outdoor play area include additional pots/pans/accessories, bug finding equipment like tweezers, containers, magnifying glasses etc.

There are two mud kitchens outdoors but one is too high for some of the smaller children to reach.

Recommended adding a wooden step or platform around this area to enable these children to reach.

Many of the children also showed an interest in a staff members camera today. This may be a new topic that the children could begin exploring as well.

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Cathleen LeBlanc

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

April 21, 2022

Date

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No Signature

Signature of Operator/Designate

April 21, 2022

Date