

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 Little Geniuses Day Care Centre Inc.	Licence Number 2011403	Inspection Date January 26, 2024
Facility Name Little Geniuses Day Care Centre		Telephone Number (506) 453-7759
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Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Sabrina Diotte		Position Title Inspector

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
49(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall ensure that the guidance of the children receiving services at the licensed facility is positive and includes positive reinforcement, encouraging efforts and recognizing accomplishments.	49(1)	Feb 09, 2024	
Comments: A staff member was heard telling a child: 1 – 2 – 3, you're not getting a surprise, you're not even trying to listen, in a frustrated tone while she was trying to have the child remove his snow gear. Using threats or taking away things away from children is not positive child guidance. Please review the Child Guidance section of the Operator Manual for accepted positive child guidance practices.			

General Comments
<p>When I arrived, most of the children were outside.</p> <p>Every classroom is organized and is equipped with enough materials and of different variety. Toys and materials are stored on shelves and in baskets that are labelled. There are also different learning and literacy opportunities for the children such as numbers, the alphabet, the solar system, and a Canadian province chart displayed on the walls in the classrooms.</p> <p>Pre-planned programming is evident and posted in each classroom, there are learning's stories and the children's art projects on the walls.</p> <p>The 4-year-old had an invitation for play set up in their arts corner to go along with the weekly theme of dinosaurs. After lunch the 4-year-old group read a book together in their reading area.</p> <p>The educator in the infant room was observed engaged with the infant, sitting on the floor and playing with them.</p> <p>The outdoor playground was inspected. There are many different play opportunities for the children outside such as mud kitchens, climbing structures, a sandbox, and other toys such as trucks and balls.</p>

General Comments

The bathroom in the 3-year-old room needs a deep clean. The toilet seat is stained yellow, there are debris behind the door and stains on the walls. A reminder that when cleaning classrooms, shelves and cabinets need to be moved so you can clean behind and under them. Also, a reminder that large toys, cabinets and windowsills also need to be dusted and washed. The white ledge in the classrooms have a build-up of dust and so do some of the larger toys and cabinets.

The loft beds in the classrooms must be used as per manufactures guidelines. Only one child is permitted at the top. Only the bottom is being used and the top is being used as storage. The tops of the bed should not be used as storage because of the weight restriction but also because it causes clutter in the classrooms.

In the 4-year-old room, there is a large, raised structure that is meant for a reading area and takes up almost half of the back corner of the room. During my inspection, only one child was observed playing up there in the morning then in the afternoon, one small group went up for a couple of minutes before they got ready to go outside. The rest of the time, the children were amalgamating in one small corner where most of the toys and stations are and the interaction between staff and children was observed to be chaotic. The children did not have enough space to play and were so close in proximity to one and another that there was a lot of redirection required. I would recommend this structure be removed and this would create more space for the children to play and learn.

In addition, in this same room, there is a loft bed and only the bottom is being used with a small table set up for pretend play. The children were not observed using that area, most of the children are too tall to stand under there and so they would have to crawl under. I would also recommend that that bed be removed.

The after-school children were painting a box this afternoon for their art week. They were provided with paint and other arts and craft materials for their project.

A reminder to ensure children wash their hands before meals.

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Sabrina Diotte

January 26, 2024

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

Date

Signature of Operator/Designate

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