

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 HARVARD EARLY LEARNING CENTRE INC	Licence Number 2012316	Inspection Date June 07, 2022	
Facility Name LITTLE HARVARD EARLY LEARNING CENTRE		Telephone Number (506) 632-1300	
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Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Jodi Hennessey		Position Title Inspector	

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
21 The daily activities of a licensed facility shall be purposely planned in advance and documented and shall respond to the capabilities, needs and interests of each child.	21	May 25, 2022	
Comments: Purposeful planning was not evident within all rooms. Documentation was observed for current topics (ex: Spring), however, these were not always based on the children's interests. Some staff reported that some of these plans were put in place months prior. Some staff reported that they do not document plans, but that they discuss their plans at end of day for the following day. Purposeful planning is to be demonstrated by adding materials and props to the environment regularly to support and extend learning. Invitations are to be set out for the children to explore and are to be clearly documented and planned prior to children's arrival. Discussed with staff.			
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 25, 2022	
Comments: The most recent monitoring inspection report was not posted.			
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: (b) child records that include: (i) the child's name, address, birth date and Medicare number,	24(1)(b)(i)	May 25, 2022	
Comments: Random review of child files. Medicare information was missing from one file. To be updated.			
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: (b) child records that include: (iv) the name, address and telephone number of at least two individuals authorized by the child's parent or guardian to pick up the child and to be contacted in case of an emergency if the parent or guardian cannot be reached,	24(1)(b)(iv)	May 25, 2022	
Comments: Random review of child files. There was only one emergency contact listed for one file. To be updated to add one more emergency contact.			
28(3) The premises of a licensed facility shall comply with (a) lighting, ventilation and other general health standards under the Public Health Act.	28(3)(a)	Apr 28, 2022	

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<p>Comments: Diaper changing procedures were not followed today. A dirty diaper was placed on the vanity within the washroom. Dirty diapers must be disposed directly into waste container with a lid. Discussed with staff.</p> <p>Standing water was collecting inside many pieces of equipment within the outdoor play areas today due to accumulation of rain. Ensure that equipment is stored in a way to prevent this.</p>			
30(3) An operator shall maintain the indoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children.	30(3)	May 13, 2022	
<p>Comments: A cord was observed dangling from a speaker within the preschool room. Electrical cords must be affixed to the wall/kept out of reach. A shelf was moved at time of inspection to rectify this.</p> <p>One electrical outlet in the threes room was missing an outlet cover-to be added as soon as possible.</p> <p>Metal vents within the floors need to be securely screwed to the floor. Some of these are loose, and some have been affixed with duct tape. Surrounding these vents also needs to be cleaned as debris, sand is collecting and the duct tape is preventing adequate cleaning.</p> <p>There is carpet that is torn covering the latch to the crawl space on the floor within the three year old room. The carpet must be removed and the area needs to be cleaned thoroughly.</p> <p>Orbeez sensory bottles were noted within the 2 year old room. The caps on these bottles could be twisted off posing a safety risk. The staff within the room removed the bottles at time of inspection.</p>			
31(3) An operator shall maintain the outdoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children.	31(3)	May 25, 2022	
<p>Comments: Yellow plastic chair within the fenced in play area in the back of the building is cracked-to be discarded.</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 25, 2022	
<p>Comments: Infant room:</p> <p>Some pieces of the chunky puzzles are worn/paint is chipping. To be replaced.</p> <p>Some tables, the mirror, shelves, and floors require cleaning to remove residue from stickers or previous tape.</p> <p>Tea tray and accessories require cleaning.</p> <p>Two year old room:</p> <p>Turquoise colored shelving unit -paint is chipping and requires fresh paint.</p> <p>Preschool room:</p> <p>Rubber ducks are stained/unclean-to be cleaned or replaced.</p> <p>Small manipulative cubes are collecting sand/debris-to be cleaned.</p> <p>The table within the dramatic play area is peeling at the edges-to be replaced.</p> <p>The balancing scale within science area requires cleaning.</p> <p>Excavator to be cleaned or replaced.</p> <p>Inside of cozy cube is collecting sand/debris-to be vacuumed and cleaned.</p>			
36(6) A cot, a nap mat or the mattress of a crib or portable playpen shall be washable and non-absorbent or covered with a non-absorbent layer.	36(6)	May 25, 2022	
<p>Comments: The nap mats being stored within the 2 year old room were noted to have tears. These can not be properly cleaned and must be replaced.</p>			
9(1) The child-to-staff ratio is one educator for each of the following groups of children of the same age receiving services at a full-time or part-time early learning and childcare centre: (a) three infants or fewer; (b) five children or fewer who are two years of age; (c) eight children or fewer who are three years of age; (d) ten children or fewer who are four years of age or older, but who are not yet attending school; and (e) 15 school-age children or fewer.	9(1)	Apr 27, 2022	
<p>Comments: Child-to-staff ratio was not met for 15 minutes today within the two year old room. One staff member took children to the washroom prior to lunch while the other staff member was left alone with a group of 6-8 children (age two) at this time. Administrator and staff report that one staff member typically takes 5 children to the washroom and then comes back to take the next 5 children. This did not occur today. Recommending that an extra staff be available during transition times to support educators and ensure that child-to-staff ratio is being met at all times. This was discussed with staff, and administrator at time of inspection.</p>			

General Comments

Renewal inspection as completed today.

The children were observed within their indoor environment. Diaper changing, hand washing, meal time and transition to rest time was observed.

The children were served meatballs, rice and corn today for lunch with milk.

Documentation was observed throughout the environment in the form of learning stories, webs, and photos of the children and their past experiences.

Some of the children who had proper rain gear went outdoors to explore the rain and puddles today. Children were also observed engaged in water play, and playing BINGO with their educator. Staff were observed modelling positive language and redirecting children when required.

Discussed some of the children's interests with staff throughout each room.

Recommended having invitations related to these interests prepared and ready for the children throughout the day. This will support smooth transitions, engagement and allow for educators to observe the children to expand on topics to further to support learning.

There are no extreme allergies reported at this time. If a child requires medication for a serious medical condition-this medication does not need to be locked but can be kept within the child's room in a known area that is inaccessible to the children. Recommended for child to have an essential and routine services plan completed. This can be kept with the required medication and a copy also kept within the child's file.

original signed by
Jodi Hennessey

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

June 07, 2022

Date

Signature of Operator/Designate

Date