

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 Little Harvard Early Learning Centre Inc.	Licence Number 2012316	Inspection Date October 30, 2024
Facility Name Little Harvard Early Learning Centre		Telephone Number (506) 632-1300
Address 531 Dunn Avenue Saint John NB E2M 2W6		
Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Robyn Nelson		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. Comments: Screws sticking out of the back of the pallet in the mud kitchen. Pallet to be replaced or repaired.	31(3)	Oct 30, 2024	Oct 30, 2024
33(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall provide outdoor play area materials and equipment that are varied and in sufficient quantity for the number and ages of the children receiving services at the licensed facility. Comments: Sandboxes in infant and toddler outdoor play area is depleted. More sand to be added to sandboxes.	33(1)	Nov 01, 2024	Oct 30, 2024

General Comments
<p>A Monitoring Inspection occurred on October 30, 2024.</p> <p>During the inspection, children were observed engaging in both indoor and outdoor play activities. Their interactions were lively and focused, showcasing their interests and creativity.</p> <p>Educators shared that the children are currently enthusiastic about pumpkin carving, exploring the neighborhood, and collecting leaves for art projects. They are also enjoying sensory materials readily available on a tuff tray. Positive child guidance techniques were evident throughout the facility, including educators interacting at the children's level, providing appropriate supervision, using positive language, offering choices, and assisting children in their decision-making processes.</p> <p>Outdoor play is scheduled for at least one hour in each four-hour block of time, ensuring that the majority of children receiving services can participate, weather permitting. Important documents such as the license, current inspection report, monitoring reports, and orders for compliance are posted in a clearly visible and prominent location.</p> <p>The rooms are invitingly set up, with materials arranged to encourage play. Books have been thoughtfully selected to reflect the children's interests, and well-defined learning and play areas were observed. Several pieces of children's artwork were prominently displayed throughout the facility. A sensory area is available, equipped with a sufficient quantity of materials, and accessories are regularly rotated. Toxic products, such as cleaning supplies, are locked away to ensure children's safety, and drinking water is accessible throughout the</p>

General Comments

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The curriculum offers open opportunities for both individual and group experiences. Various forms of literacy are present in the indoor environment, allowing children to express their creativity and explore the arts and sciences. The program encourages problem-solving and the development of trusting, respectful, and supportive relationships.

Educators also provide opportunities to extend the curriculum outdoors, making efforts to integrate the natural world into the classroom setting. A conversation took place with the Operator regarding the strengths and needs of the facility. While several strengths were identified, such as the availability of sensory items, and books it was noted that there is a need to continue exploring ways to offer art materials freely for children of all ages, ensuring that the materials are age-appropriate.

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Robyn Nelson

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

October 30, 2024

Date

original signed by
Sarah Whalen

Signature of Operator/Designate

October 30, 2024

Date