

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 Divine Mercy Early Learning Center	Licence Number 2013382	Inspection Date May 07, 2025
Facility Name Divine Mercy Early Learning Center		Telephone Number (506) 642-8122
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Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Aimee Hanson		Position Title Inspector

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
11 The qualifications and training requirements for administrators and educators are as follows: (a) an administrator and educators must hold a valid first aid certificate and a valid cardiopulmonary resuscitation certificate;	11(a)	May 14, 2025	
Comments: One staff member missing first aid. To be updated and added to file.			
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 (ii) the staff member's qualifications including the certificates or training referred to in paragraph 11(b) or (c).	24(1)(c)(ii)	May 14, 2025	
Comments: One staff member missing first aid check. All staff must have valid first aid.			
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 (iii) a description of the staff member's duties and responsibilities.	24(1)(c)(iii)	May 14, 2025	
Comments: One staff member missing list of duties and responsibilities. To be added.			
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 (iv) a signed declaration confirming that the staff member has read and understood his or her obligations under the Act and this Regulation.	24(1)(c)(iv)	May 14, 2025	
Comments: One staff member missing signed statement. To be added to file.			
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)	May 14, 2025	
Comments: One staff member missing first aid. To be added to file.			

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32(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall provide indoor play area materials and equipment that are (a) varied and in sufficient quantity for the number and ages of the children receiving services at the licensed facility.	32(1)(a)	May 14, 2025	
Comments: Kitchen set materials depleted. More materials to be added.			
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 14, 2025	
Comments: One white bucket broken. Children could get fingers caught in plastic. To be replaced.			

General Comments

A Monitoring Inspection occurred April.30/2025. During the visit, children were observed engaged in indoor and outdoor open-ended free play. Children were engaged in a book about bears with the educator when licensing arrived. The children were acting out the book, making bear noises and telling fun facts they are learning. Educators shared that the children are currently interested in topics such as firetrucks and are in the middle of transitioning the room to reflect the interest. Licensing also observed documentation that reflected open ended play and art involving firetrucks within each of the children's binders. Positive language and gentle reminders were consistently observed in their interactions with the children. Parents of children attending the center are allowed entry at any time. Outdoor play is incorporated for at least one hour in each four-hour block of time. Steps and platforms were provided to allow children to access regular-sized toilets and sinks with ease. Monthly emergency evacuations are completed, and a reminder was given that April's fire drill was not completed at time of monitoring, but they had until end of day and will be checked at follow up. The indoor environment is thoughtfully set up but did lack in dramatic play materials. Licensing observed 1 tomato, 1 carrot, 1 tong, 1 spatula, 1 ice cream and 1 bun for the kitchen area. Licensing discussed with admin that more dramatic play materials will need to be added. Books reflecting the children's current interests have been carefully selected. Traffic areas and outdoor walkways are kept clean and free of clutter. Toxic products, such as cleaning supplies, are securely locked and inaccessible to children in the kitchen area. The curriculum is purposefully planned, with daily activities documented in the program. Both individual and group learning opportunities are available, and various forms of literacy are incorporated into the indoor environment. New staff files were verified. One new staff was missing first aid certificate and signed statement in file, and one was missing job description. Admin will update licensing once completed. Attendance records were verified and complete.

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Aimee Hanson

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

April 30, 2025

Date

original signed by
Carla Wetmore

Signature of Operator/Designate

April 30, 2025

Date