

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 MELVINA BARRETTE	Licence Number 2014047	Inspection Date October 16, 2020
Facility Name Little Bits Early Learning and Care 2		Telephone Number (506) 625-0045
Address 107 Henderson Street Miramichi NB E1N 2R8		
Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Vanessa Giberson		Position Title Inspector

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
10(7) Despite subsection (1), infants shall not be grouped with children of another age group.	10(7)	Oct 15, 2020	Oct 15, 2020
Comments:			
39(1) A licensed facility shall have storage space that includes: (c) if services are provided to a child who is not toilet-trained, space for diapers, creams and wipes for the child.	39(1)(c)	Oct 20, 2020	
Comments: Children must have individual storage space for their diapers, wipes and cream.			
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)	Oct 15, 2020	Oct 15, 2020
Comments: Deficiency is now compliant			

General Comments
<p>Visit to facility this morning for annual inspection during COVID-19 period. Inspection took place in the morning, school aged children were not present.</p> <p>Comments in relation to non-compliances of regulation 10(7) and 9(1): Ratio was not respected upon my arrival to facility. Infants were mixed with preschoolers and only one was educator was present in the facility. Educator arrived shortly after and infants were grouped together in their room.</p> <p>Discussed with the operator that regulation 10 (7) states that infants shall not be grouped with other children and that educator must be present with group at all times. It was also discussed this this is not the first time this regulation that has not been followed and that her exemption request for grouping infants was denied.</p> <p>Reminded operator that infants must nap, eat and go outdoors separately from other groups. Infants attending the facility at this time will be turning 2 in the next four months. The operator is requesting a new exemption for infants to be grouped with other children at this time.</p>

General Comments

Recommended that infant room zones be developed, for example access to art supplies, a table area and literacy area. Requesting pictures be sent to inspector once this is complete.

Reviewed COVID-19 regulations and procedures with the operator. Recommended plush items be washed daily / be put in isolation when used. Advised items/natural elements that cannot be washed be discarded at the end of use. Reminded operator that children must wash their hands before eating.

Recommended children's bedding be stored individually.

Hot lunch menu was posted on parent board, operator posted snack menu while I was present. Snack menu should always be posted.

Ensure that all child profiles are complete with the full addresses of emergency contacts and the addresses of people who have permission to pick up children.

Recommending that more outdoor toys be made available to children.

Facility is awaiting health inspection.

Observations:

Preschoolers read stories with educator on a floor matt together.

Infants played with farm animals.

Children also had lunch during inspection visit.

original signed by
Vanessa Giberson

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

October 16, 2020

Date

original signed by
Mel Barette

Signature of Operator/Designate

October 16, 2020

Date