

## 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 Barrel of Monkeys Daycare Inc..	Licence Number 2014388	Inspection Date April 24, 2023	
Facility Name Barrel of Monkey's Daycare		Telephone Number (506) 454-7510	
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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
30(1) A full-time or part-time early learning and childcare centre shall have an indoor play area of at least 3.25 m <sup>2</sup> for each child receiving services at the centre.	30(1)	May 12, 2023	
Comments: See general comments.			
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 12, 2023	
Comments: See general comments.			
32(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall provide indoor play area materials and equipment that are (b) arranged on low, open shelves and accessible to the children receiving services at the licensed facility,	32(1)(b)	May 12, 2023	
Comments: See general comments.			
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.	33(1)	May 12, 2023	
Comments: See general comments.			

### General Comments

Inspector Investigator Sabrina Diotte and Quality Assurance monitor Jennifer Godin attended the daycare today for a monitoring visit.

Upon our arrival at 8:40 am, three groups were amalgamated together in the two-year-old room downstairs. There was a total of 12 children in that room with three educators and the room only measures for 9 children. After approximately 10 minutes, the group divided, and two groups went upstairs.

Observations were completed in the infant room. The children were eating snack during that time. The infants were eating in seats on the floor that are intended to be strapped to a regular chair. Because the children are sitting so low to the ground, they cannot bend their legs, so they are eating with their legs straight out and they

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can also touch the floor while eating which is not sanitary. One child was observed wiggling himself and moving his chair around and back and forth. The children need to be provided with appropriate chairs and a table for mealtimes. Please see section 12.5 of the Operator Manual which speaks to mealtime environment.

An educator was also observed picking up food from the floor and putting it back on a child's eating tray. The floor is not sanitized and dirty and it's unsanitary to be giving children food that fell on the floor.

The locking mats are heavily soiled and must be deep cleaned and/or replaced if the dirt cannot be cleaned off. The small blue sofa needs to be removed or replaced. It has a rip in it and the cushion part where children would sit seems to be missing and therefore the children would be sitting on the wooden frame.

The infant room is also lacking in some areas of the curriculum. There is a lot of plastic toys. Toys are high up on the shelves and not accessible to children. Books are not displayed properly nor accessible to the children. No pictures at the children's level and their artwork are up high on the walls.

The staff were observed helping children during mealtimes, offering choices during snack and wiping the children's noses.

Observations were completed in the 2-year-old room. Many learning stories on the walls and the educator was observed helping children during snack and lunch. The room is missing materials. There are no materials for science or materials for learning colors and counting. There are very little accessories for the dolls. The only costume choices are purses, scarves, and superhero caps but those were stored away and not available to the children. There are many books, but they are stored too high for the children to access. The children could use more learning materials and costumes and those should be properly displayed and accessible to the children.

Observations were completed in the 3-year-old room. There are learning stories on the wall for March. There was no paper towel in the bathroom and the educator was observed wiping her wet hands on her pants after washing them. There are costumes but they are stored in a bin and I would recommend they be more visible to children. There is a sticker chart on the wall that is visible to all children but only three children's name on it. If rewards charts are used, then it should be done privately to ensure children are not embarrassed by the process and others don't feel left out.

Observations were done in the 4-year-old room. Because there have been multiple new children added to the group this week, an additional staff is required in that room until all the children have settled into a routine. Today, both Inspector and Quality Assurance Monitor came into the classroom on multiple occasions to help the educator.

The infant playground was observed. The planter is collapsed and needs to be replaced or repaired. A second surface is needed as there is only a small artificial grass carpet as a second surface and that would not be sufficient to meet the intent of this regulation. The intent of the second surface is to provide children with a different learning experience, for example, a sand box. I do see there is a green plastic box that appears to be a sand box, but it's very small and not suitable for nine infants. A larger sand box should be provided. There is also a board that appears to be a chalk board, however it's not functional as the paint is all chipped and the wood has warped. The children could use more materials outside also.

The preschool playground was observed. The bench is broken and needs to be repaired or removed. One kitchen near the building did not have the sinks required to be functional. All rusted and broken toys must be removed. The sandbox will need sand as it was filled with pea gravel. The children could use more materials in that playground also.

During the last few monitoring visits, inspectors noticed that the daycare is running on the bare minimum of staff requirement based on ratio. We also noticed based on the children's attendance sheets that some rooms have more children registered than what the room measures for. The attendance sheets also show that children are being moved from one room to another to meet ratio causing inconsistency for the children. In addition, when

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there is only the bare minimum of staff, staff may not be provided with their 30-minute lunch as there is no staff to cover lunches and breaks. Not only is a 30-minute break mandatory by labor laws, but a break is also beneficial to staff to ensure they are refreshed for the afternoon. The daycare needs an additional staff, to ensure proper coverage for staff breaks and lunches, cleaning, help in classrooms when needed and for proper ratio and consistency for the children.

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Sabrina Diotte

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Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

April 26, 2023

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April 26, 2023

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