

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 SERIOUS FUN CHILDCARE INC.	Licence Number 2014755	Inspection Date April 13, 2021
Facility Name Serious Fun Infant and Toddler		Telephone Number (506) 455-0160
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Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Tanya Gaudet		Position Title Inspector

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
12(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall obtain a criminal record check or a vulnerable sector check, as the case may be, and a check with the Department of Social Development at least every five years. Comments: Deficiency is now compliant	12(1)	Apr 12, 2021	Apr 12, 2021
31(3) An operator shall maintain the outdoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children. Comments: While conducting the license renewal inspection, it was noted that the infant outdoor play area lattice fencing is broken in a couple of places and the staples holding the lattice fencing together are poking through the wood and is posing to be a safety hazard. Please ensure repairs are made to the lattice surrounding the infant outdoor play space.	31(3)	Apr 12, 2021	
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: While conducting the license renewal inspection, licensing staff observed that more materials as well as a greater variety of materials are needed while the infants, toddlers and two year old children are outside playing.	33(1)	Apr 26, 2021	

<p>General Comments</p> <p>Upon arrival licensing staff was thoroughly screened for Covid-19. The educator asked licensing staff the Covid-19 screening questions along with taking her temperature as she stepped into the building.</p> <p>Licensing staff began observations in the infant room (0 to 15 months). The infants were eating their morning snack and then proceeded to go outside for outdoor play activities. The children played with a variety of cars, trucks and buckets while listening for big trucks driving by on the highway. After approximately 20 minutes, the infants went to play in the large outdoor play space located at the back of the centre. While on the big playground, the children enjoyed riding in the cars on the pavement, as well as, playing in the sandbox.. After coming back inside and washing up, the infants engaged in some free play activities before washing up for lunch. While conducting the inspection in the infant room, licensing staff observed multiple examples of documentation of children's learning posted on the walls. There were "alien" craft creations consisting of paper plates, tissue paper and googly eyes posted on the wall of the classroom and not one alien looked the same!. Another example of posted documentation on the wall illustrating children's learning were paintings that were</p>

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created by using multiple colours of paint which was applied to the paper by using a fly swatter. The infant educators relayed to licensing staff that the children created these masterpieces after reading the book "There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly." The educators also relayed to licensing staff the children also created a caterpillars after reading "The Hungry, Hungry Caterpillar." Well done!

Licensing staff then moved into the toddler room to observe the children who were engaging in a painting activity using paint and sand. The toddlers were exploring the paint and sand combination by painting on paper, on the table and sometimes on themselves! The toddlers were engaged in this activity for at least 20 minutes until they moved onto free play activities. Some children engaged in dramatic play using babies while others played with cars, trains and tractors. After free play activities the children got washed up and then sat down to have lunch which was proceeded by a nap.

In the afternoon licensing staff conducted observations in the two year old classroom. When the two year old children woke up from nap they went outside for outdoor play activities. While outside, the children played in the sand box and drove around the playground in ride-along cars. At 3:00pm the two year old children went back inside and immediately washed up for their afternoon snack.

The educators in the infant classroom, toddler classroom and the two year old classroom are very engaged with the children and interacted with the children at their level. The educators exhibited compassion with the children when the children became upset and were successful at redirecting the children when needed. A couple of children were newly enrolled at the centre and were having difficulty transitioning from home to childcare. The educators were very good at comforting these children to help them feel comforted and welcome. Well done ladies!

While observing the infants during outdoor play in the front of the building it was observed that the lattice fencing is in need of repair. There are a couple of pieces of lattice fencing that is broken, as well as, a number of staples coming through the fencing on the inside of the play area that could pose as a safety concern. Please ensure these repairs are made as to remove the safety hazard in this outdoor play space.

The infant playground, as well as, the toddler and two year old children's outdoor play spaces located at the back of the centre needs to have more, and a greater variety of play materials for the children to play with while engaging in outdoor play activities.

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Tanya Gaudet

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

April 13, 2021

Date

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Melissa Robichaud

Signature of Operator/Designate

April 13, 2021

Date