

## 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 June 28, 2023	
Facility Name Serious Fun Infant and Toddler		Telephone Number (506) 455-0160	
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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
12(0.1)(a)(i-iii) In subsection (1), an operator of a licensed facility includes: (a) in the case of a criminal record check or a vulnerable sector check, as the case may be,(i) in the case of a corporation or unincorporated association, the directors, (ii) in the case of a partnership, the partners, and (iii) in the case of a limited partnership, the general partners;	12(0.1)(a)(i-iii)	Jun 28, 2023	Jun 28, 2023
Comments: The Cooperate Director did not have a file on site. It was provided before the end of the inspection.			
28(3) The premises of a licensed facility shall comply with (a) lighting, ventilation and other general health standards under the Public Health Act.	28(3)(a)	Jul 12, 2023	
Comments: The sand boxes need tight-fitting covers as per Public Health guidelines. Some tires don't have large enough holes for the water to drain and it's building up water.			
31(3) An operator shall maintain the outdoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children.	31(3)	Jul 12, 2023	
Comments: The hammocks don't have proper clearance and a child was swinging and was close to coming into contact with the wood structure. If the hammocks remain in the playground, there needs to be more clearance provided on all sides. A copy of the manufacturer's instructions also needs to be provided.			
31(8) The outdoor play area of a full-time or part-time early learning and childcare centre at which services are provided to infants and children of another age group shall (a) include a separate area for the infants, or (b) be used by the infants and the children of another age group at different times.	31(8)	Jul 12, 2023	
Comments: The infants were mixed outside with the preschool children. As per regulation, the infants cannot be mixed with other age groups. Because there is only one playground, the infants will need to go outside at different times.			
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)	Jul 12, 2023	

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<p>Comments: The two's room is moving towards a natural environment that aligns more with the NB Curriculum Framework. That said, there is a need for more materials. There are no science materials, loose parts, and literacy other than books. The children need items for counting and sorting and fine motor skills. In addition, books should be properly displayed in a bookshelf and bins should be labelled with photos and words. The children's lunch box hooks should also be labelled with their names.</p> <p>There is a need for more materials in the infant room also, more loose parts, and natural elements. The bins in the infant rooms are too large and too difficult for infants to pull the bins out. The infants need low open shelves with small wicker baskets that are labelled with pictures and words.</p> <p>The toddler room also only has plastic toys. There needs to be more natural elements and materials recommended by the NB Curriculum Framework. The children need science-related items, loose parts, more music instruments, puzzles, and wood blocks. The play kitchen was also turned around which prevents the children from using it. The children should have access to all toys and materials in their rooms.</p> <p>There appears to be a lot of materials stored away in both buildings that could be taken out and added to the classrooms to ensure the children have sufficient materials and materials that are inline with the NB Curriculum Framework.</p>			
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)	Jul 12, 2023	
<p>Comments: Also, the infant room is cleaned out before the children go outside and the bins and shelves are blocked so when children come in, they don't have access to the toys as the space is then used for the toddler's nap area. The toddlers move over to the infant room for nap time, so the staff can use the toddler room as their break/lunchroom. Although we appreciate that the staff require a lunch break and the importance of such, the infants should not be prevented from playing with their toys to keep the room clean for nap time and moving to toddlers over into a different room is also not recommended. There is no need to move over the toddlers as the infant room is empty and the staff can use that room for their lunch break.</p>			
39(2) A licensed facility shall have a separate locked storage space that is inaccessible to the children for each of the following: (b) medications.	39(2)(b)	Jul 12, 2023	
<p>Comments: There was a puffer on the top shelf, not locked. All medication, aside from life-saving medication, must be locked by key.</p>			
41(1) A licensed facility at which services are provided to children who wear diapers shall have a sturdy surface that is (b) covered with a non-absorbent layer.	41(1)(b)	Jul 12, 2023	
<p>Comments: A new diaper changing mat is required for the 2-year-old group as the one they are using is cracked and appears to be too small for the size of the children it is currently being used for.</p>			
48(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall serve (c) drinking water throughout the day.	48(1)(c)	Jul 12, 2023	
<p>Comments: The infants and toddlers were outside from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. and did not have water bottles outside with them. Water bottles must be taken outside with children, especially in the summer months. Children must have access to water at all times.</p>			

General Comments
<p>Positive child guidance was observed such as gentle reminders. One staff was observed consoling a child when he was crying. The staff were observed using gentle tones with the children. The environment is clean, organized and welcoming.</p> <p>The toddler room table is chipping and needs a new coat of paint to ensure it can be properly sanitized.</p> <p>We recommend using the updated child profiles and consent forms moving forward.</p> <p>The lawn is also getting high on the back part of the playground and would need to be mowed.</p> <p>We also observed the staff outside standing and talking among each other. Even outside, staff should be</p>

General Comments

engaged with children and playing with them. At one point there were three young children, appearing to be infants, playing in the black tunnel and near the fence and there was no staff near them. All the staff were near the opening of the playground area.

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Sabrina Diotte

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Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

June 28, 2023

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Date

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Barb Lockhart

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Signature of Operator/Designate

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