

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.

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| Name of operator Kristiana Myers | Licence Number 2015019 | Inspection Date July 09, 2021 |
| Facility Name Evergreen Acres Childcare | | Telephone Number (506) 261-3236 |
| Address 15 Debbie Lane Richibucto Road NB E3A 6T6 | | |
| Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Tanya Gaudet | | Position Title Inspector |

| Order for Compliance | Regulation | Date to be corrected | Date corrected |
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| 21 The daily activities of a licensed facility shall be purposely planned in advance and documented and shall respond to the capabilities, needs and interests of each child. | 21 | Jul 16, 2021 | |
| Comments: When licensing staff was observing in the indoor play environment, it was noted that there was lots of rich learning happening however, a purposely planned activity schedule was not posted on the communication board. When this was brought to the attention of the operator, she relayed to licensing staff that she follows the NB curriculum and implements activities based on the children's interests but does document these activities in a schedule. Please ensure that a purposely planned activity schedule is posted in advance on the communication board. | | | |
| 31(3) An operator shall maintain the outdoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children. | 31(3) | Jul 07, 2021 | Jul 09, 2021 |
| Comments: Deficiency is now compliant | | | |

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| General Comments |
| <p>The children were still arriving for the day at the early learning home when licensing staff arrived to conduct the license renewal inspection on July 7, 2021.</p> <p>Once all children arrived for the morning, the children sat down for morning snack. After morning snack, the children and operator proceeded to go outside for outdoor play time. When walking to the outdoor play space, licensing staff noted two large mounds of topsoil located on the lawn. Licensing staff also noted that there were cups, scoops, plastic spades, two large, white PVC pipes, as well as, a large sauce pan dispersed around as well as on the two large mounds of topsoil. Licensing staff asked the operator if the children were playing in the dirt recently? The operator relayed to licensing staff that the children played in the dirt after the operator dug a hole at the top of one mound and poured water into the hole in order for the children to explore to celebrate Nation Mud Day on June 29th, 2021.</p> <p>While licensing staff was observing the children in the outdoor play environment, it was noted that this space was full of natural materials such as: mud kitchen, a weigh scale equipped with two, 1 gallon sized buckets, a wooden playhouse, tree stumps and cookies, a balancing/ climbing apparatus made from two large logs. Licensing staff observed the children engaging in dramatic play, risky play and gross motor activities while exploring these materials.</p> |

General Comments

Licensing staff had a child politely interrupt licensing staff and the operator by approaching licensing staff asking her to come and look at what she had in the wooden playhouse as she had a secret to show her. When licensing staff went with the child to the playhouse, the child whispered that she had made a birthday cake for the operator. The operator and the child proceeded to sing the "happy birthday song."

While licensing staff was observing the indoor play environment she noted that the operator had a flexible daily schedule posted on the communication board but did not have a purposely planned activity scheduled posted on this board. When licensing staff brought this to the attention of the operator, the operator told licensing staff that she does not create a purposely planned activity schedule as she follows the lead of the children which dictates what the activities will be that day. Licensing staff relayed to the operator that following the child's lead is what our New Brunswick curriculum dictates however, she will need to create a purposely planned activity scheduled by observing what the children are interested and then create the activity schedule based on this. Licensing staff also stated that the schedule will likely change and if it does, take note of the changes and update the schedule on a daily basis.

Please update the contact information for the Quality Assurance Monitor and the Inspector that is posted on the communication board located in the entry way of the home.

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Tanya Gaudet

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

July 09, 2021

Date

original signed by
Kristiana Meyers

Signature of Operator/Designate

July 09, 2021

Date