

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 Natalie O'Shea	Licence Number 2016224	Inspection Date April 04, 2023	
Facility Name Little Adventures Big Learning Academy		Telephone Number (506) 454-2516	
Address 25 Doherty Street New Maryland NB E3C 1C3			
Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Megan Munden		Position Title Quality Assurance Monitor	
Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected

General Comments

Children listened to a story before snack time. Flexibility was provided for children who wanted to play beside the couch and listen to the story while still playing.

A nugget couch, play mats, steppingstones, and a wobble board allow for gross motor opportunities inside. Children added these pieces to their imaginative play to design a farm and then a fire truck.

The operator has a number of high-quality, multi-purpose materials that allow for open-ended experiences. I observed wooden blocks, arch blocks, and animal figures on the rug from earlier in the morning that children were playing with.

The operator uses take home bags to make a connection between childcare and the children's family home. The current bag has the story "Happy Easter from the Crayons." She included paper, crayons, manipulatives for a story re-tell and a page with a laminated description for activities. Children take turns bringing the bag home.

Children are learning to spell their names and the operator uses different song tunes to sing out the letters of the children's name. Chart paper in the craft room also has the children's names.

The operator has renovated her washroom and a faucet was chosen that is easy for children to independently use. A stool was in place to reach the sink. She has purchased a new storage unit that has secure spaces for toxic materials and other cupboards for extra supplies.

For documentation, the operator is starting a new strategy where she is using a one-page form she created. It has spaces to write down the children's strengths, interests, and a goal she writes down for the child. There is also a box for the parents to write a goal for the month.

Child guidance was positive throughout the inspection. The operator showed compassion for the children and spoke in a kind and respectful manner. Reminders were provided in a low tone to use materials safely.

original signed by
Megan Munden

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

April 04, 2023

Date

original signed by
Natalie O'Shea

Signature of Operator/Designate

April 04, 2023

Date