

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 SPRING ROOTS EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE CENTRE INC.	Licence Number 2016842	Inspection Date April 22, 2021
Facility Name Spring Roots Early Learning & Childcare Centre		Telephone Number (506) 455-3222
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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
11 The qualifications and training requirements for administrators and educators are as follows: (b) educators must have successfully completed the Introduction to Early Childhood Education course or hold an Early Childhood Education Certificate.	11(b)	Apr 30, 2021	
Comments: When licensing staff was reviewing staff files it was noted that not all staff have completed the Introduction to ECE course or hold an Early Childhood Education Certificate. Licensing staff relayed this information to the operator who then reached out to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to enroll those staff in the Introduction to ECE course.			
30(3) An operator shall maintain the indoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children.	30(3)	Apr 21, 2021	Apr 21, 2021
Comments: Deficiency is now compliant			
31(3) An operator shall maintain the outdoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children.	31(3)	Apr 21, 2021	Apr 21, 2021
Comments: Deficiency is now compliant			
33(2) Stationary equipment in the outdoor play area shall be surrounded by a protective surfacing and installed according to the manufacturer's instructions.	33(2)	Apr 30, 2021	
Comments: While conducting an inspection of the outdoor play space, licensing staff observed that the pea rock, as well as, the wood mulch surrounding the wooden structure, used as protective surfacing, needs to be replenished in order to meet regulation 33(2) of the Early Childhood Services Act.			

<p>General Comments</p> <p>Licensing staff was thoroughly screened for Covid-19 upon arrival.</p> <p>Licensing staff observed one of the infant rooms when she first arrived at the centre. The babies were enjoying their snack and then proceeded to get washed up and get ready to go outside to play. Three of the babies went with one educator for a walk and two babies went outside to join their friends on infant outdoor play space. The two infant classes are in the same bubble group.</p> <p>After observing in both infant classrooms, licensing staff observed the two year old children who were outside playing on the preschool outdoor playground. A group of children enjoyed going down the slide, as well as,</p>
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General Comments

gently tossing sand on the tarp covering the giant sand box. I heard a child say that they liked the sound the sand makes when it hits the tarp.

The next classroom that licensing staff made observations in was the second two year old classroom. This group was eating their lunch which consisted of ham, carrots, cucumbers and fruit smoothies. It looked and smelled delicious. The children especially enjoyed the fruit smoothies.

After observing in the second two year old classroom, licensing staff observed the three year old children who were just finishing up lunch and were putting their dishes on the cart located in the hallway of the centre. After putting their dishes on the cart, the children went back into the classroom, grabbed a book, and went to their cots for nap time.

While the babies, two and three year old children nap, the four year old children go outside for outdoor play time. The first four year old group was playing on the big playground located in the backyard of the centre. The second 4 year old group played on infant outdoor play ground. The two four year old groups take turns playing on the big outdoor play space.

All educators were observed interacting with the children at the child's level and were observed engaging with the children at all times. All educators were very good at redirecting children when needed.

Licensing staff observed multiple pieces of documentation illustrating children's learning in all classrooms. The play environments are so creatively configured using natural wood and an abundance of play materials. You have a lovely centre!

When licensing staff was observing, on the big outdoor playground, it was noted that the pea rock and the wood mulch needs to be replenished in order to comply with Regulation 33(2) of the Early Childhood Services Act. This regulation states that Stationary equipment in the outdoor play area shall be surrounded by a protective surfacing and installed according to the manufacturer's instruction.

Licensing staff also noted that a number of screws, located on the outdoor play area, were protruding out of the wood on the sand box, as well as, the wood bordering inside the fenced in area. While licensing staff was still onsite, the operator had a repair man come to the centre to remove the protruding screws in order to remove the safety hazard.

original signed by
Tanya Gaudet

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

April 22, 2021

Date

original signed by
Venessa Baird

Signature of Operator/Designate

April 22, 2021

Date