

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 Cheryl's Home Away From Home Daycare LTD.		Inspection Date April 14, 2026
Facility Name Cheryl's Home Away from Home Daycare		Licence Number 2017521
Address 79 Edith Avenue Saint John NB E2J 4H3		Telephone Number (506) 696-6443
Type of Facility Full-time Early Learning and Childcare Centre	Maximum Number of Children 45	Ages of Children INFANTS PRESCHOOL SCHOOL-AGE
ELCC Licensing Staff Amanda Wills	Position Title Quality Assurance Monitor	

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
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	Apr 30, 2026	
Comments: Purposeful planning was not evident in the two- to three-year-old room and the preschool room. Purposeful planning must be visible through invitations, documentation, and planned activities. Educators are required to review the Operator's Manual, Section 7: Programming and Daily Routine.			
28(2) An operator of a licensed facility shall carry out emergency evacuation and fire drills monthly.	28(2)	Apr 30, 2026	
Comments: Monthly emergency evacuation and fire drills have not been completed since December 2025. Monthly emergency evacuation and fire drills are to be completed and recorded each month.			
31(5.1) The outdoor play area of a full-time or part-time early learning and childcare centre shall include a shaded area of at least 0.45 m ² for each child that can be accommodated in the outdoor play area as provided under subparagraph 4(1)(g)(ii)	31(5.1)	Nov 14, 2025	Apr 14, 2026
Comments: Licensing observed a metal pergola installed in the infant outdoor play space to provide shade. Deficiency is now compliant			
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)	Apr 14, 2026	
Comments: Art and creative play materials are depleted in the two-three-year-old room. Educators to ensure that open-ended art and creative play materials are available in sufficient quantity and variety.			
40(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall ensure that personal belongings of a child receiving services at the licensed facility that are brought to the licensed facility, including combs, brushes, toothbrushes, towels, washcloths, bedding, pacifiers and soothers, are (a) labelled with the name of the child.	40(1)(a)	Nov 05, 2025	Apr 14, 2026
Comments: Infant drinking cups were observed to be labeled. Infants are not using bottles at this time. Deficiency is now compliant			
50(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall maintain a chronologically filed daily incident log relating to the health, security and well-being of the children receiving services at the licensed facility.	50(1)	Apr 21, 2026	

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Comments: An operator of a licensed facility shall maintain a chronologically filed daily incident log relating to the health, security and well-being of the children receiving services at the licensed facility.			
50(2) The operator of a licensed facility shall inform the parent or guardian of a child involved in an incident on the day the incident takes place and shall ensure that the parent or guardian signs the daily log to confirm their awareness.	50(2)	Nov 05, 2025	Apr 14, 2026
Comments: Incident logs were observed and signed by the parent or guardian. Deficiency is now compliant			

General Comments

A monitoring inspection occurred in the morning.

Infant Room: The children were observed in both indoor and outdoor environments, including the transition between the two. Indoors, children were observed eating snack, singing and dancing alongside their educator prior to transitioning outdoors. Outdoors, children were observed singing, dancing, listening to music, sitting in pear shaped swing chairs, rocking on a rocking horse, and playing with blocks. Additionally, diaper changing was observed, and diaper changing procedures were followed. The educators indicated that the children are currently interested in music, dancing, and sensory activities.

Two-Three-Year-Old Room: The children were observed in both indoor and outdoor environments, including the transition between the two. Indoors, children were observed eating snack, with hand washing occurring beforehand, and preparing to go outdoors. Outdoors, children were observed digging in the sandbox, going down the slide, and riding ride on cars around the yard. The educators indicated that the children are currently interested in books, specifically "We're Going on a Bear Hunt", as well as music, the light table, gross motor activities, and blocks.

Four-Five-Year-Old Room: The children were observed engaged in a variety of activities outdoors that included digging in the sand box, riding the plasma car, running, jumping and going down the slide. The educator indicated that the children are currently interested in sensory activities.

Positive child guidance techniques were observed. The educators were observed to be engaging at the children's level, providing appropriate supervision, using encouraging language, offering choices, and assisting children with decision-making.

A clearly visible and prominent area was designated for posting the facility license, current monitoring reports, and any orders for compliance. Additional documents reviewed included incident logs, daily attendance records, daily information sheets, a random review of ten children files, and records of evacuation and monthly fire drills.

A conversation took place with the administrator on the following:

- Educators are to ensure that incident logs, potential illness forms, and return after illness forms are completed in full, with all sections filled out and the year clearly indicated.
- The operator is to ensure that the bathroom seat in the upstairs bathroom is securely attached to the toilet. It was observed that the seat was not attached and moved while children were using the washroom.

original signed by
Amanda Wills

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

April 14, 2026

Date

original signed by
Brittany Cochran

Signature of Operator/Designated staff

April 14, 2026

Date

"I hereby acknowledge receipt of this report"