

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 Sarah Fiander	Licence Number 2017673	Inspection Date October 20, 2023
Facility Name Best Beginnings Preschool and Afterschool Centre		Telephone Number (506) 261-9918
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Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Jennifer Godin		Position Title Quality Assurance Monitor

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
12(2) An operator of a licensed facility shall ensure that a criminal record check or a vulnerable sector check, as the case may be, and a check with the Department of Social Development is conducted on each individual before he or she becomes a staff member.	12(2)	Oct 20, 2023	
Comments: Observed one staff file that had an expired Social Development check. Once educator obtains their updated Social Development check, please have it sent to me (your Quality Assurance Monitor), via email for compliance purposes.			
24(1) For the purposes of subsection 20(1) of the Act, the following records and documents shall be maintained on the premises of a licensed facility: (c) staff member records that include (iii) a description of the staff member's duties and responsibilities.	24(1)(c)(iii)	Oct 27, 2023	
Comments: Observed one staff file that did not contain a description of educator's duties and responsibilities.			
24(1) For the purposes of subsection 20(1) of the Act, the following records and documents shall be maintained on the premises of a licensed facility: (c) staff member records that include (iv) a signed declaration confirming that the staff member has read and understood his or her obligations under the Act and this Regulation.	24(1)(c)(iv)	Oct 27, 2023	
Comments: Observed one staff file that did not contain a copy of educator's staff signed statement regarding their obligations under the Act and Licensing regulation.			
39(2) A licensed facility shall have a separate locked storage space that is inaccessible to the children for each of the following: (a) toxic products, chemical products and cleaning supplies;	39(2)(a)	Oct 20, 2023	Oct 20, 2023
Comments: Deficiency is now compliant Observed two containers of Lysol wipes that were sitting on the kitchen shelves. Operator removed them from the kitchen area and locked them up when Quality Assurance Monitor arrived.			
43 An operator of a licensed facility shall not permit hot beverages in areas that are occupied by the children receiving services at the licensed facility, including the outdoor play area.	43	Oct 20, 2023	Oct 20, 2023
Comments: Deficiency is now compliant Observed an educator walk in with sealed coffee cup at time of visit. Educator brought coffee cup back out to vehicle, as hot beverages are not permitted in areas that are occupied by children.			

General Comments

Monitoring inspection was done during the morning four-year-old preschool time. Quality Assurance Monitor will ensure to return at a later date to observe the three-year preschool time, and also the school aged children.

Children were observed playing freely around the room when I arrived for today's monitoring visit. Observed fall play invitations set out on a table.

When it was time to tidy up for snack, educator provided children with ample warning beforehand. Observed the majority of the cleaning being done by operator and educators, it is recommended that operator/educators use some sort of "clean up song" to help motivate the children to help with cleaning up. Observed educators ensuring children were properly washing their hands before snack.

After snack was finished, children were invited to the carpet area for circle time. Observed children happily singing along with all the songs, energetically participating in group discussions, and listening to a story being read to them.

For today's exploration, the children were provided with the opportunity to explore the "insides" of a white pumpkin. Operator asked the children if they thought the "insides" (pulp and seeds) of a white pumpkin would look the same as the "insides" of an orange one, and if not, what do they think they would look like. Children provided many great predictions! It is recommended that operator/educators document times like this as these predictions as they could be used for learning stories, and the children's predictions could be proudly displayed in the classroom. Children finished their morning outside where they had been provided the opportunity to cut open and explore the pumpkin.

Please ensure to update your parent information board with my contact information as I am now your facility's Quality Assurance Monitor. My contact information is:

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October 20, 2023

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

Date

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Sarah Fiander

October 20, 2023

Signature of Operator/Designate

Date