

## 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 Sarah Fiander	Licence Number 2017673	Inspection Date April 10, 2024
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 Sabrina Diotte		Position Title Inspector

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
31(3) An operator shall maintain the outdoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children. Comments: Broken items such as the large water/sand table, need to be removed from the outside playground.	31(3)	May 31, 2024	
31(4) An operator shall ensure that the outdoor play area of a licensed facility (a) includes a shaded area that is at least 10% of the outdoor play area. Comments: The shade structure blew away during a storm, therefore, 10% shade needs to be added before summer arrives.	31(4)(a)	May 31, 2024	
33(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall provide outdoor play area materials and equipment that are varied and in sufficient quantity for the number and ages of the children receiving services at the licensed facility. Comments: There is little to no materials for the children outside. The children need to be provided with multiple different opportunities for play. There needs to be multiples of the same items to encourage co-play. Just like indoors, the materials need to offer a verity of learning opportunities such has art, literacy, math, pretend play, etc.	33(1)	May 31, 2024	

<p><b>General Comments</b></p> <p>The Centre is clean, however, there are a lot of excess materials and clutter on and around the larger tables, around the computer desk and on the kitchen counters. That needs to be cleaned up and organized to avoid things falling on the children or children tripping over bags.</p> <p>As discussed, when the inspector arrived for the yearly inspection, educators were sitting down and doing paperwork. This was also observed during previous years. Staff need to be present and engaged with the children. Paperwork needs to be done at a different time. In addition, children cannot be properly supervised if staff have their heads down and writing in books.</p> <p>This morning the children engaged in free play. At 10:10, the children cleaned up and did circle time. During circle time, they sang songs together, talked about the weather, read a book about birds because the children have been interested in birds and nests. The children then had a snack and after snack, the children worked on their journals where they drew, colored, or added stickers. After their journals, they danced together, providing a gross motor experience, and then engaged in what they call Centres, where the staff had prepared three</p>
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General Comments

different activities for them to choose from. All activities were based on their interest in birds and nests. There was a parent who came in as a "mystery reader" and read the children two books.

Although the daily schedule needs to be flexible, children need to be provided with sufficient time to complete their learning activities. Today the children were rushed through their learning activities and didn't have enough time to finish them. See section 7.1 Daily activities, of the Operator Manual for more information.

Programming is planned based on the children's interest and documented. There are learning stories and children's art projects on the walls.

Positive child guidance was observed such as providing children with gentle reminders when needed, celebrating accomplishments, and providing encouraging words.

Staff and children's files were reviewed and are up to date and contain all required information.

In the outdoor playground, the deck is being used as the second surface. I would encourage adding another area in the playground with a different surface, for example a ground-level sand box or a mulch area, to encourage a different play experience. The operator provided a plan for her outdoor space, as per this plan, the renovations to the playground should be completed by the end of May.

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Sabrina Diotte

April 10, 2024

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Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

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Date

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Signature of Operator/Designate

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