

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 Cassel Enterprises Ltd.	Licence Number 2017681	Inspection Date January 24, 2023	
Facility Name Hands On Learning Enrichment Centre		Telephone Number (506) 878-4263	
Address 2282 Mountain Road Moncton NB E1G 1B4			
Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Mireille Comeau		Position Title Inspector	
Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
22 The daily routine of a licensed facility shall include (b) a period of rest for a length of time that meets the needs of each infant and preschool child receiving services at the licensed facility but that does not exceed two consecutive hours unless there is a written request from a child's parent or guardian to extend the length of time.	22(b)	Jan 24, 2023	
<p>Comments: The Operator must ensure that the rest period meets the individual needs of each child. The inspector observed in one of the classrooms, two children are awake on their nap mats and the educators asked them to stay on their beds and stay quiet. Children resting on mats, but remaining awake, must not be required to stay on the mat for longer than 30 minutes. They are allowed to get up and play quietly or join other children who are not resting. A separate space is to be provided for children who do not nap, so they do not disturb resting children.</p> <p>In another classroom, the inspector observed children are fast asleep. As the rest period cannot exceed 2 hours the staff began to wake them at 2:30 however the transition from being asleep to being awake was not smooth or gentle as the inspector observed the educator physically lifting several sleeping children and telling them to wake up and go get their lunchboxes from their cubbies because it was snack time. Children should be woken gently and given time to acclimate to being awake before being asked to complete a task.</p>			
30(1) A full-time or part-time early learning and childcare centre shall have an indoor play area of at least 3.25 m ² for each child receiving services at the centre.	30(1)	Jan 24, 2023	
<p>Comments: There are fourteen children in a classroom that measures for no more than ten children. The Operator cannot place more children in a room than the measured space allows.</p>			
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)	Jan 27, 2023	
<p>Comments: Not yet corrected. In all the classrooms, there is not a sufficient quantity of books for the children. A sufficient quantity of materials and equipment ensures the availability of enough play resources, avoids excessive competition and long waits for children. Operator must provision all rooms with a sufficient quantity of play materials. New items are to be added regularly to ensure that children are provided with new learning opportunities.</p>			
32(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall provide indoor play area materials and equipment that are (d) clean and in good repair.	32(1)(d)	Jan 27, 2023	
<p>Comments: Not yet corrected. In 4 classrooms, the books are ripped. The Operator must ensure that children have access to well-maintained materials. Books that are ripped will be repaired and/or replaced daily.</p>			

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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.	33(1)	Jan 27, 2023	
Comments: The inspector observed that there are no play materials present in the outdoor play area. The outdoor play area must be fully provisioned with an adequate variety and quantity of play materials and equipment for the number of children in attendance, all year round.			
36(4) The rest area of a full-time early learning and childcare centre and an early learning and childcare home shall allow for a space of at least 46 cm between each crib, portable playpen, cot or nap mat.	36(4)	Jan 24, 2023	
Comments: Not yet corrected. The cots are being placed too close together, they must be placed at least 46 cm apart.			
9(1) The child-to-staff ratio is one educator for each of the following groups of children of the same age receiving services at a full-time or part-time early learning and childcare centre: (a) three infants or fewer; (b) five children or fewer who are two years of age; (c) eight children or fewer who are three years of age; (d) ten children or fewer who are four years of age or older, but who are not yet attending school; and (e) 15 school-age children or fewer.	9(1)	Jan 24, 2023	
Comments: Several children were observed leaving the classroom and going to their cubbies without supervision. When the inspector asked the educator why the children were leaving the classroom with no supervision, the educator stated that they didn't notice that the children had left the classroom. The Operator must ensure that all educators supervise the children at all times.			

General Comments

The inspector observed all the children playing outside in the afternoon. The inspector observed four infants standing still in the outdoor play area as there are no play materials provided to enrich the outdoor experience.

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Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

January 26, 2023

Date

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Lisa Greene

Signature of Operator/Designate

January 26, 2023

Date