

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 Little Land Learning Centre Inc.	Licence Number 2018342	Inspection Date May 09, 2023
Facility Name Little Land Learning Centre		Telephone Number (506) 458-5552
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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
10(1) The number of educators that are required for a group of children of mixed ages receiving services at a full-time or part-time early learning and childcare centre is calculated as follows: (a) by multiplying the number of children of the same age by the corresponding factor set out in Schedule A; and (b) by adding the results obtained under paragraph (a).	10(1)	May 09, 2023	
Comments: Upon our arrival, Silly Street was off ratio with one staff member with 11 children. The requirement was two staff.			
11.1(1) An operator of a designated facility shall, when providing services to infants or preschool children, use a curriculum established by the Minister for the language in which services are provided.	11.1(1)	May 16, 2023	
Comments: Some improvement, however, more changes and implementation of the curriculum is needed. Staff are required to read the Collaborative Assessment Tool (CAT) and CAT Reflective Guide and adapt practices accordingly.			
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	May 16, 2023	
Comments: Some improvement, however, more changes and adaption of the curriculum is needed. There was evidence of purposely planned learning for the children with a schedule and different activities listed, however, activities need to be age appropriate and topics need to be initiated by children, families, educators, community, and world events. During the time of the inspection from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., it was mostly free play. There was no extended learning observed, there is also no documentation to demonstrate that staff are talking to the children about their learning or engaging the children in the planning. In addition, one classroom did not complete their pre-planned activity for Tuesday. One educator was doing an activity with the children "be like mommy and daddy washing dishes" but the bin being used was too small for the activity and for all children to participate in a meaningful way. Proper materials are required when planning activities. Staff are required to read the Collaborative Assessment Tool (CAT) and CAT Reflective Guide and adapt practices accordingly.			

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21 A licensee shall post the following documents in a clearly visible and prominent place in the facility associated with the licence: (a) the licence; (b) a report provided under section 23; (c) an order issued under section 28; and (d) a probationary license issued under section 29.	21(a) – (d)	May 16, 2023	
Comments: The most recent inspection reports were not posted on the parent board.			
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 and shall include (c) opportunities (vii) to develop trusting, respectful and supportive relationships with educators and children.	21(c)(vii)	May 16, 2023	
Comments: More interaction between staff and the children was observed today but some improvement is still required in this area. One staff was observed outside coloring the cement blocks and not engaging with children. Children needed help getting toys from the toy box and were visibly struggling and the inspector had to help the child as the educator was not assisting despite seeing them reach for the toys.			
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)	May 16, 2023	
Comments: The 2- and 3-year-old classrooms need an additional staff during nap time to help the children fall asleep and ensure a quiet sleep environment for them. Based on observations, some children are not sleeping because of the sleep environment and not because they are not tired. Also, children need a quiet and calm rest period and children who do not sleep are provided with a separate space to not disturbed resting children. Staff must read section 7.2: Daily routine of the Operator Manual. In addition, using sheets may help the children feel more comfortable as they are sleeping on cold mats.			
25 An operator of a licensed facility shall post in a clearly visible and prominent place on the premises: (a) the daily routine.	25(a)	May 16, 2023	
Comments: A new daily routine was created and posted in each classroom. There was improvement to the daily functioning of each classroom with this new routine, however, more improvement in this area is required to ensure the well-being of children and the least disruption to their day and learning. Getting ready to go outside is still chaotic, children and staff looking for the children's belongings and children getting impatient and running around and wanting to go outside. Although staff must help children get dressed for outdoors and ensure they are well dressed, staff must also encourage and teach independence when age is appropriate. Children were observed walking, running, and playing while eating. Some children were bringing lunch boxes outdoors, outside of mealtimes and eating on the picnic table outside that was covered in mud. There were cookies, crackers and a yogurt drink on the floor in the corner of the room left by one of the children. There is no routine and structure around mealtimes. Staff must review section 12.5 of the Operator Manual: Meal and snack time and environment. Because the bathroom is located at one end of the facility and the classrooms have only the minimum of staff required for ratio, all children need to go to the bathroom at the same time, even if they don't need to. This practice is causing a lot of chaos, children are running up and down the hallway, sometimes unsupervised around the corner, and this is also causing child guidance issues because of the content demand of asking children to sit and stay. This is not an age-appropriate expectation. Therefore, I would recommend an additional staff be added as a "floater" to help all rooms with bathroom breaks, hand washing and assist with children when needed.			
30(3) An operator shall maintain the indoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children.	30(3)	May 16, 2023	

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<p>Comments: The floors were cleaned, and green tape removed.</p> <p>Highchair in infant room was cleaned.</p> <p>Ceiling vents were cleaned.</p> <p>The entrance area was decluttered however, more work is required in this area. The desk needs to be washed, including inside the draws and all the extra clothing for children should be stored inside the drawers to declutter the area. The black chair is heavily soiled and needs to be vacuumed and cleaned. The yellow chairs are heavily soiled with brown dirt stains. If the yellow chairs cannot be cleaned, they must be removed and replaced with chairs or a bench for the children.</p> <p>The smell in the bathroom in the infant room was not present, however, staff advised it comes and goes and therefore, needs to be rectified. There was no smell in the other bathroom today.</p> <p>The infant change mat is cracked and needs to be replaced.</p> <p>The infant eating table needs to be replaced as its cracked and has a large build up of debris.</p> <p>All shelves, including the half wall edges need to be dusted and cleaned and maintained.</p>			
31(3) An operator shall maintain the outdoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children.	31(3)	May 16, 2023	
<p>Comments: The broken climbing structures were removed.</p> <p>The roof of the playhouse was repaired.</p> <p>The pink and purple push toy in the large playground must be removed because it's cracked.</p> <p>The playgrounds must be cleaned, and all garbage removed. There was a cigarette butt in the infant play space and garbage on the ground. There was also toast found in the kitchen area of the large playground.</p> <p>The space outside of the fenced area must also be cleaned up as there were broken items that belong to the daycare that was not removed and plus there are balls that should be returned to the playgrounds.</p> <p>There is a broken board on the gazebo that needs to be repaired.</p> <p>The large blue infant stroller is dirty and one of the floor is collapse. It must be repaired and cleaned.</p>			
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.	31(4)(a)	Jun 01, 2023	
Comments: 10 % shade must be added in the infant playground by June 1st, 2023.			
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)	May 16, 2023	
<p>Comments: The red storage bins in the classrooms are back to being unorganized and unsorted. I recommend removing those red bins if they cannot be kept clean and organized and replacing them with open shelving and bins.</p> <p>One bookshelf had fallen and was not re-installed. Sensory frames in the infant room are not properly secured to the wall and are falling. If items are being added to the classrooms or purchased for the children, they must be durable items and installed properly to ensure they are sustainable.</p> <p>The edge of the small table in the dramatic play area of Silly Street needs to be repaired.</p> <p>The little kitchen in Adventure Island is still missing parts.</p> <p>The little kitchen in the infant room is still missing parts.</p> <p>The toy crib in the infant room is missing the bottom.</p> <p>Baby Boulevard is well set up, clean and organized.</p> <p>All toys that are broken or missing parts must be repaired or replaced.</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)	May 16, 2023	
<p>Comments: Although there was good intention on behalf of the staff, to create a music wall for the infants using used plastic bottles, children need to be provided with quality and sustainable materials.</p> <p>A water activity "what sinks does not sink" but the plastic bin being used was too small for the children to actively participate.</p> <p>Materials for school age children must be added as none were observed.</p> <p>Both playgrounds need new outdoor materials recommended by the NB Curriculum Framework.</p>			
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)	May 16, 2023	
<p>Comments: The children's cubbies near the entrance are labeled using green tape and the tape is peeling off. Appropriate labels are required to visibly identify the child's designated area.</p> <p>The Operator advised that some parents brought in more clothes for their children. Please ensure that all children continue to have change of clothing.</p>			
49(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall ensure that the guidance of the children receiving services at the licensed facility is positive and includes positive reinforcement, encouraging efforts and recognizing accomplishments.	49(1)	May 09, 2023	
<p>Comments: Upon my arrival one staff member was observed using harsh tone with a child saying "it's a bear paw not blueberries, I already told you that", then followed by rolling her eyes at the child.</p> <p>Educators are not setting reasonable limits and guidelines that make sense to the children. There is no discussion with children about throwing materials, picking up toys when finished or putting lunch boxes away.</p> <p>Little positive reinforcement or encouragements heard.</p> <p>Staff need to have a better understanding and knowledge of child development.</p> <p>Staff must review section 8.2 Child Guidance of the Operator Manual.</p>			
6.4(2) The operator shall implement and monitor the quality improvement plan and revise it each year.	6.4(2)	May 16, 2023	
<p>Comments: Not all aspects of the Quality Improvement Plan and the three-step plan provided by the Curriculum Team have been met. All aspects of both plans must be met.</p>			

General Comments
<p>Soft lights and lanterns were added. That said, there is still not enough light in kindergarten Crossing for children who want to do learning activities. We recommend a hanging light fixture be added in Kindergarten Crossing like the one is Silly Street. The lanterns are also not providing enough light.</p> <p>New door handle was added to the main door so children cannot open the door.</p> <p>There was less staff turnaround in the rooms.</p> <p>Emergency exit plans are located near the entrances; however, they need to be secured to the wall.</p> <p>Fire drill for April was not completed or documented in the infant area.</p>

General Comments

Staff must take the first aid kit when hey go outside.

First aid check list has not been completed since March.

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Sabrina Diotte

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

May 09, 2023

Date

Signature of Operator/Designate

Date