

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 August 16, 2023	
Facility Name Little Land Learning Centre		Telephone Number (506) 458-5552	
Address 435 Brookside Drive Fredericton NB E3A 8V4			
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
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)	Aug 04, 2023	Aug 16, 2023
Comments: Deficiency is now compliant Both previous monitoring visit and renewal inspection reports were observed to be posted during today's follow up monitoring inspection visit.			
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)	Aug 23, 2023	
Comments: One staff file observed did in fact contained a staff signed statement form regarding obligations under the Act and licensing regulation, but the form was not signed by educator at time of visit. This was given a comply-by date of August 4, 2023, but remains in non-compliance today.			
28(2) An operator of a licensed facility shall carry out emergency evacuation and fire drills monthly.	28(2)	Aug 31, 2023	
Comments: There was no evacuation practice performed for the month of July, as the last practice that is documented is June 30, 2023 A reminder that evacuation practices must be performed a monthly basis.			
28(3) The premises of a licensed facility shall comply with (a) lighting, ventilation and other general health standards under the Public Health Act.	28(3)(a)	Aug 16, 2023	

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<p>Comments: Children's hands are still not being washed before snack in Kindergarten Crossing classroom. Hand washing is the most effective way of preventing the spread of infections in childcare settings.</p> <p>Section 6.1.1 in the Guidelines for Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases in ELC Facilities states:</p> <p>6.1.1 When should hands be washed? Staff and children's hands must be washed with soap and water several times a day, especially:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on arrival • before meals • after using the toilet • after blowing nose, coughing or sneezing • after playing with shared toys • before and after visiting with people who are sick • after handling animals or their waste • when taking medications • after playing outside <p>Staff members and children are to follow proper hand washing procedures as found in the Public Health Inspection Standards, and the Guidelines for the Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases in Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) Facilities.</p> <p>This was given a comply-by date of August 4, 2023, but remains in non-compliance today.</p>			
32(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall provide indoor play area materials and equipment that are (b) arranged on low, open shelves and accessible to the children receiving services at the licensed facility,	32(1)(b)	Aug 23, 2023	
<p>Comments: There was no mark making material observed to be accessible to children at time of visit in Discovery Drive classroom.</p> <p>There appears to be a plastic shelving unit with drawers with some paper, and perhaps some mark making materials in it, but Quality Assurance Monitor struggled to open and close it. Two years olds would be unable to open/close the drawer on their own.</p> <p>The shelving unit also appears to be broken and must be replaced.</p>			

General Comments
<p>All educators were observed interacting with children at their level during today's visit. Some educators were observed sitting down and eating their snack during snack time with the children.</p> <p>The morning snack routine for Kindergarten Crossing has been revised as all children were observed sitting down and eating together at the same time during today's monitoring visit.</p> <p>Open ended play materials and equipment in sufficient quantity and variety for the size of the group and representative of each of the following categories are to be present in every classroom, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • art materials including loose parts • blocks and accessories • language and literacy • dramatic play • music and movement • large muscle (gross motor) • manipulative and fine motor • sand and water play • puzzles and games

General Comments

- materials that support mathematical learning; and
- materials that support learning in science and technology.

It is recommended that operator and administrator go through all classrooms to ensure that there are sufficient play materials present for all of the above-mentioned categories to maintain compliance.

One staff file was observed to have an expired Criminal Record Check/Vulnerable Sector Check. Administrator informed me that the educator is currently out on leave and has been informed to bring an updated CRC/VS with them when they return. Please ensure that an updated Criminal Record Check/Vulnerable Sector Check is provided before educator returns.

original signed by
Jennifer Godin

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

August 16, 2023

Date

original signed by
Tabitha Estabrooks

Signature of Operator/Designate

August 16, 2023

Date