

Early Learning and Childcare Facility Inspection Report

Type of Inspection:
Follow-Up 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 November 20, 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
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: (b) child records that include: (iv) the name, address and telephone number of at least two individuals authorized by the child's parent or guardian to pick up the child and to be contacted in case of an emergency if the parent or guardian cannot be reached,	24(1)(b)(iv)	Oct 11, 2023	Nov 20, 2023
Comments: Deficiency is now compliant			
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)	Nov 21, 2023	
Comments:			
47(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall refuse admission to a child if satisfactory proof of the immunizations required by the Public Health Act or the regulations under that Act is not provided.	47(1)	Oct 11, 2023	Nov 20, 2023
Comments: Deficiency is now compliant			
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)	Nov 21, 2023	
Comments:			

General Comments
<p>Upon my arrival to the Centre, I collected child-staff ratio. In the infant room, six infants were sleeping aging from 14 months to 23 months. Only one staff was in ratio, she was in the playroom and not the nap room. In this case, two staff members were required to be on ratio to meet the child-staff ratio.</p> <p>As per 8.1.4 of the Operator Manual ;</p>

General Comments

To ensure that children are appropriately supervised at all times, the child-to-staff ratio must be maintained: • during the operating hours of the facility; • during arrival/departure times and during staff lunch/breaks; • during outdoor play; and • at all times (even nap time) for children younger than 15 months of age.

In addition, the staff member was not in the nap room supervising the children but doing paperwork in the playroom with the door of the nap room shut. Children sleeping in playpens must be supervised during sleep time as playpens are not meant for unsupervised sleep.

The two-year-old room was also off ratio upon my arrival. There was only one staff with eight children, three of which were not sleeping and were playing with toys. When the second staff was done her lunch break, she went into her classroom to clean, leaving the 2-year-old off ratio again and at that point, there were five children awake and playing with only one staff in the room. It was not until the end of the nap time, where the lights were turned on that the second staff took three children into her classroom.

As per 8.1.4 of the Operator Manual ;

The child-to-staff ratio for children in a group may be reduced by one-half for napping children (for example, one staff member to 10 two-year-olds), provided that one staff member is present in the same room as the children. This only applies where: • the children are asleep or resting quietly on mats; • the number of available staff members in the building is sufficient to meet the child-to-staff ratio; and • the children's health and safety are not compromised by the reduction. Children resting on mats, but remaining awake, must not be required to stay on the mat for longer than 30 minutes.

When I arrived there as a 2-year-old child who had just transitioned over from the infant room. He cried for over 45 minutes. I went over to the room where the child was on multiple occasion, and I did not once see the educator once try to console the child. It's not until the inspector discussed that with the educator that the second educator came over and took the child with her in the classroom next door, played and talked with the child and the stopped crying. When a child is crying and is distressed, staff need to be consoling children and not just letting them cry for long periods of time. Educators must respond to the children's emotional needs.

During an observation in Adventure Island, the educator had left her disinfectant spray bottle on the table and a child was observed playing with it and spraying . Although the table disinfectant doesn't need to be locked by key, it must be out of reach of children at all times.

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Sabrina Diotte

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

November 21, 2023

Date

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Nicolle Leblanc

Signature of Operator/Designate

November 21, 2023

Date