

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 December 05, 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 Sabrina Diotte		Position Title Inspector	
Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
25 An operator of a licensed facility shall post in a clearly visible and prominent place on the premises: (g) whether a child receiving services at the licensed facility has a life-threatening allergy and a description of that allergy.	25(g)	Dec 20, 2023	
Comments: There are allergy notices on the entrance doors, however, they are covered in green tape to cover up allergies that no longer valid and are also inaccurate. When an allergy is no longer valid, a new sign should be created instead of filling the paper with green tape. Staff are not aware of the children's allergies and allergies are not posted in classrooms. Each classroom must do up a signage with the allergies present each in their classrooms to ensure staff working in those rooms are aware of the allergies. In addition to this, there is an infant that has asthma. A staff member, who is assigned to that classroom on a full-time basis, was not aware of the child's allergies when asked or information surrounding his asthma and administration of medication. When asked, the staff replied that the other staff members know and take care of the medication if needed. Those two staff members were not working today, and therefore, no one in that classroom was aware of the child's allergies or medical needs. All staff members must be fully aware of all the children's medical needs in their care. This includes allergies and any medical condition and medication requirements. Covering staff must also be aware of any medical requirement of children in the classroom, they are working in.			
30(3) An operator shall maintain the indoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children.	30(3)	Dec 20, 2023	

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<p>Comments: The nap room again today was disorganized with items all over the entrance floor. When I opened the door to the nap room, I could not open the door because there were two large toys behind the door. This is not the first non-compliance for this, as discussed during previous inspections, the nap room is not a storage room and must be kept cleaned, organized and nothing should be stored in a way that prevents the doors from opening and closing properly.</p> <p>In addition, when we arrived, all seven infant's personal belongings were on the floor in the hallway in front of the classroom door. As discussed during previous inspections, the children's belongings must be put on their hooks and in their baskets. When I asked the staff to store the children's items away, she was not aware which belonging to each child, and it took over ten minutes for her to divide each child's items. It seems that having the coat check, at the end of the nap room is an issue as the staff are unable to walk at the end of the nap room to store the bags and are opting to leaving them on the floor in the entrance of the nap room and therefore, I would ask that the children's hooks and shelve with baskets be moved to the entrance of the nap room or on the wall inside the playroom near the entrance.</p> <p>There are screws sticking out of the wall from fallen bookshelves, two near the bathroom and two in the infant room. Those must be removed, or the bookshelves reinstalled properly.</p>			
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)	Dec 06, 2023	
<p>Comments: A bottle of disinfectant was on the table in the entrance area and the infant room bathroom door where toxic products are located was not locked. Toxic products must be locked by key and disinfectant out of rah of children.</p>			
43 An operator of a licensed facility shall not permit hot beverages in areas that are occupied by the children receiving services at the licensed facility, including the outdoor play area.	43	Dec 20, 2023	
<p>Comments: There were multiple coffee mugs in the classrooms, some still warm to touch. No hot beverages are allowed around the children, this includes reusable mugs.</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)	Dec 06, 2023	
<p>Comments: A staff member was observed speaking to the infant in a stern tone. "Give me the sock", "Come with me, lets go", "It doesn't go in the mouth" (proceeds to take toy away from child), "Get down buddy, get down from the chair", "Get down". Educators must model appropriate behavior and speak to them in a respectful manner and with kindness. Ex: saying please and thank you when asking something of the child.</p>			
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	Dec 05, 2023
<p>Comments:</p>			

General Comments
<p>Inspector Sabrina Diotte and Quality Assurance Monitor Jennifer Godin were in attendance today for a follow-up inspection.</p> <p>All classrooms were in ratio.</p> <p>There were notices of illness posted with multiple cases of influenza and pneumonia. We did not see one staff member wash or disinfect their hands during the two hours we were there. In addition, we saw infants putting items in their mouths and another child taking the same item and putting it in their mouth also. Not all public health guidelines are being followed when it comes to cleaning, sanitization, and management of communicable disease. All staff members must read the Management of Communicable Diseases document to ensure they</p>

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know and understand public health guidelines. Please ensure Public Health is contacted on the matter and cases reported.

In the infant room, educators shouldn't be walking over the baby-gate as they can fall over, and possibly injuring a child in the process. If the baby gate doesn't open or slide, it must be replaced with a new one.

Only three out of seven infants were wearing indoor shoes. Children should have indoor shoes on.

It did not appear that infants went outside this morning, as per regulation all children, including infants, must go outside one hour per four-hour block. Exemptions noted in the Operator Manual are for the one-hour timeframe.

When we arrived, the infants were not in their room, a sign in the hallways said they were gone for a walk to Tim Hortons, it turns out the infants were actually on a walk in the mall at Sobeys. When leaving the premises, the accurate location should be documented for safety reasons.

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Sabrina Diotte

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

January 16, 2024

Date

original signed by
Nicole Leblanc

Signature of Operator/Designate

January 16, 2024

Date