

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 Jessica Lake		Inspection Date May 26, 2026	
Facility Name Small Blessings Childcare		Licence Number 2019492	
Address Riverbank, Carleton Co NB		Telephone Number (506) 612-1543	
Type of Facility Early Learning and Childcare Home	Maximum Number of Children 6	Ages of Children INFANTS PRESCHOOL SCHOOL-AGE	
ELCC Licensing Staff Angela Tozer	Position Title Quality Assurance Monitor		

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
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General Comments

When licensing staff arrived, one child was sleeping and the operator was playing with the other child in attendance. The operator and licensing staff discussed an alternative solution for infant nap times as the child is sleeping in a playpen downstairs. Health Canada does not recommend unsupervised sleeping in a playpen, so the operator is going to move the playpen upstairs for any infants still requiring a morning nap so older children can play on the enclosed deck with the operator allowing the operator to also view the playpen through the patio doors.

When more children arrived, the operator and children moved to the play space downstairs for play. The space is open and inviting with resources accessible to children. Balance blocks and a bike have been recently added allowing the children gross motor play and some risky play. The operator provided new stickers to children and asked what color of paper they would like to stick their stickers on. To encourage more independence related to mark making materials, some paper and writing utensils could be placed on a lower table for children to choose from.

Multiple learning stories were posted throughout the space documenting children's play and interests with connections to the curriculum and next steps. The operator created an area with photos of local businesses and familiar areas that she stated the children enjoy talking about. Children's artwork is posted on one large wall and their photos with their names on a wall. Licensing staff encouraged the operator to include the children's names in additional areas so children can view their name when signing artifacts and extend the children's sense of belonging.

The operator was attentive to the children, checking in when a child became upset and encouraging children's success in play. Child and staff files were reviewed and found to be organized and complete.

Children were excited to go outside, running for the play area once past the house. The operator divided time between each child pushing swings and comforting when needed. The protective surfacing may need raking at the bottom of the slide and under the swing and a recommendation was given that children may want to help with this chore with their own rakes as children showed interest in cleaning up and helping.

General Comments

original signed by
Angela Tozer

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

June 01, 2026

Date

original signed by
Jessica Lake

Signature of Operator/Designated staff

June 01, 2026

Date

"I hereby acknowledge receipt of this report"