

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 Spero Enterprises Inc.	Licence Number 2019670	Inspection Date October 03, 2024
Facility Name Wee College Homestead		Telephone Number (506) 204-2500
Address 47529 Homestead Road Steeves Mountain NB E1G 4P6		
Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Stephanie Hickey		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)	Oct 03, 2024	Oct 03, 2024
Comments: During the monitoring inspection, the Quality Assurance Monitor noticed that only the latest renewal inspection report was posted in a prominent and visible location in the facility. The Quality Assurance Monitor reminded the operator that both the monitoring inspection report and the renewal inspection report must be posted. The operator promptly located the latest monitoring inspection report and posted it in a prominent and visible place in the facility. Deficiency is now compliant.			
31(3) An operator shall maintain the outdoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children.	31(3)	Oct 03, 2024	Oct 03, 2024
Comments: During the monitoring inspection, the Quality Assurance Monitor noticed that one of the climbing toys with a slide in the infant outdoor play area was cracked, posing a risk for children who could catch their fingers in the crack or even cut themselves. The Quality Assurance Monitor informed the administrator about the cracked climbing toy, and the administrator immediately removed the structure from the outdoor play area. Deficiency is now compliant.			
33(2) Stationary equipment in the outdoor play area shall be surrounded by a protective surfacing and installed according to the manufacturer's instructions.	33(2)	Oct 03, 2024	Oct 03, 2024
Comments: During the monitoring inspection, the Quality Assurance Monitor noticed that there wasn't very much gravel underneath the climbing dome. The Quality Assurance Monitor discussed this with the administrator and the operator, questioning whether the manufacturer's manual was used during the installation of the climbing dome. Both the administrator and the operator confirmed that the manual was followed during installation. They stated that they often need to add gravel around the structure and sometimes bring out a padded mat. The Quality Assurance Monitor emphasized that gravel needed to be added or raked from the surrounding area before the children could use it again. The operator immediately went to rake the gravel to ensure that the protective surface was at an appropriate depth. Deficiency is now compliant.			

General Comments
The Quality Assurance Monitor was on-site for a monitoring inspection. Child to staff ratio was respected during the visit.
The Quality Assurance Monitor was able to verify the following elements of the check list :

General Comments

- Posted in a visible and prominent place in the facility
- Indoor play area materials and equipment
- Diaper changing procedures

During the monitoring inspection, the Quality Assurance Monitor observed some children playing outdoors and others creating a Halloween booklet indoor. The Quality Assurance Monitor also observed children eating lunch and transitioning to nap time.

A discussion took place between the Quality Assurance Monitor and the administrator regarding the lunch and snack menu. The Quality Assurance Monitor noticed that the posted menu was labelled as the "summer menu." The Quality Assurance Monitor questioned the administrator about whether the menu was the same for summer and other seasons, and if parents were notified when changes were made to the menu. The Quality Assurance Monitor observed that chicken soup was being served for lunch, which did not match the posted menu. The administrator confirmed that there is a different menu for summer and other seasons but had not yet transitioned to the new menu. The administrator also confirmed that parents had been notified via email about the menu change for the week, and a post was made on the facility's social media page.

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Stephanie Hickey

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

October 03, 2024

Date

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Signature of Operator/Designate

October 03, 2024

Date