



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 BLG Consulting Ltd.	Licence Number 2021002	Inspection Date August 21, 2024	
Facility Name BLG Forest Of Dreams Daycare		Telephone Number (506) 214-0678	
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Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Robyn Nelson		Position Title Quality Assurance Monitor	
Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
21 The daily activities of a licensed facility shall be purposely planned in advance and documented and shall respond to the capabilities, needs and interests of each child.	21	Aug 23, 2024	
Comments: Operators and educators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • demonstrate that planning is a process that involves engaging the children and reflecting on the children's interests, passions, strengths and abilities; • ensure that short and long term plans are flexible and fluid, to accommodate emerging interests and unanticipated events; • focus on individuals or small groups of children; and • emphasize a strength based approach. 			
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 23, 2024	
Comments: Latest monitoring inspection reports are to be posted until the next monitoring inspection is conducted.			
21 The daily activities of a licensed facility shall be purposely planned in advance and documented and shall respond to the capabilities, needs and interests of each child and shall include (c) opportunities (iii) to express creativity and interests.	21(c)(iii)	Aug 23, 2024	

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<p>Comments: The indoor and outdoor play areas are designed to express creativity and interests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • purposefully planned and encourage playful exploration, problem solving and creativity; • arranged to allow opportunities for free choice of activities; • designed in a way that promotes effective supervision; • flexible to respond to children's changing interests, abilities and desires; • organized into flexible learning centres that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . are well-defined, easy to get to with plenty of space for children to carry out the intended activity; . permit children to play individually, in small groups, and/or in a large group; . accommodate and encourage a variety of activities to support appropriate curriculum implementation; <p>and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . minimally include, but are not limited to, the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a book/reading area; an art area; a dramatic play area; a block construction area; an area for scientific and mathematical investigation and measurement; an area for music and movement; space and equipment to allow for large motor movement; and provisions for play with elemental materials – sand, water, mud, clay and snow. 			
21 The daily activities of a licensed facility shall be purposely planned in advance and documented and shall respond to the capabilities, needs and interests of each child and shall include (c) opportunities (v) to experience accomplishment and success.	21(c)(v)	Aug 23, 2024	
<p>Comments: Children are encouraged to ask questions and share their ideas. They are provided opportunities to initiate discussions, give explanations and be part of demonstrations.</p>			
21 The daily activities of a licensed facility shall be purposely planned in advance and documented and shall respond to the capabilities, needs and interests of each child and shall include (c) opportunities (vi) to problem-solve.	21(c)(vi)	Aug 23, 2024	
<p>Comments: Educators set up the environment in such a way that children are excited about learning, using their creativity to invent imaginary worlds and tell stories.</p>			
25 An operator of a licensed facility shall post in a clearly visible and prominent place on the premises: (a) the daily routine.	25(a)	Aug 23, 2024	
<p>Comments: The daily activities of a licensed facility shall be purposely planned in advance and documented and shall respond to the capabilities, needs and interests of each child and shall be posted in a clearly visible location in the classroom. A daily routine does not mean that the schedule is the same every day. Some activities, such as lunch, snack and rest, may happen around the same time, while others change regularly or periodically while accommodating the children's interests and individual needs.</p>			
25 An operator of a licensed facility shall post in a clearly visible and prominent place on the premises: (b) the weekly menus.	25(b)	Aug 23, 2024	
<p>Comments: Operators maintain a current dated menu plan providing a record of what food items are served each day. Substitutions are documented and maintained on file. Posting menus in advance informs parents of food their child is eating while at the facility. An operator of a licensed facility shall provide weekly menus to a parent or guardian of a child at least three days in advance of serving the food and shall modify the food served in the case of special nutritional requirements of a child.</p>			
26(2) The operator of a licensed facility shall require the parent or guardian referred to in subsection (1) to sign a declaration confirming that he or she has read and understood the content of the handbook.	26(2)	Aug 23, 2024	
<p>Comments: Provide declaration to be signed by the parent or guardian confirming that they have read, received a copy and understood the content of the handbook.</p>			
39(2) A licensed facility shall have a separate locked storage space that is inaccessible to the children for each of the following: (b) medications.	39(2)(b)	Aug 23, 2024	

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Comments: A licensed facility shall have a separate locked storage space that is inaccessible to the children for medications. Medications are locked and inaccessible to children, except medications used for anaphylactic shock, which are stored safely but accessible.			

General Comments
<p>On August 9, 2024, a Monitoring Inspection was conducted at the facility. During the inspection, children were observed engaging in indoor free play, participating in nap time, and transitioning to lunch. Educators noted that the children are currently very interested in exploring bugs and insects and learning more about the natural world. They engage with the children by asking questions and expanding on their ideas, and they have also included their personal interests in their documentation.</p> <p>The facility ensures that parents of children present are allowed entry at any time. Outdoor play is scheduled for at least one hour within each four-hour block when the majority of children are in attendance, weather permitting. There is a clearly visible and prominent place for posting the license, current inspection report, monitoring reports, and orders for compliance. Snacks are provided at least every three hours, and meals are served at recognized meal periods. Life-threatening allergies are prominently posted.</p> <p>Children's art is displayed at eye level with the child's name and date included. The facility is equipped with a varied supply of appropriate equipment, materials, books, and toys. The changing area is located within one meter of a sink, and diaper changing procedures are posted and visible.</p> <p>In terms of curriculum, portfolios are being created with the children, and forms of documentation were observed throughout the facility. Educators provide opportunities for extending the curriculum outdoors and make efforts to integrate the natural world into the classroom.</p> <p>A conversation with the Administrator highlighted several strengths, including the opportunities for children to bring the outside inside, the creation of portfolios with the children, and the deep cleaning of common areas. However, some areas for improvement were also identified, such as designing a new parent board, implementing procedures for tracking ratios using whiteboards, supporting the establishment of a new library for educators, creating a new cleaning checklist for common areas and classrooms, and providing a cleaning caddy for all washrooms.</p>

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Robyn Nelson

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

August 09, 2024

Date

original signed by
Melissa Logan

Signature of Operator/Designate

August 09, 2024

Date