

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 Brother Bear's Daycare Inc.	Licence Number 2021003	Inspection Date September 17, 2024	
Facility Name Brother Bear's Daycare		Telephone Number (506) 674-2327	
Address 218 820 Route Upper Loch Lomond NB E2S 2H9			
Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Jodi Hennessey		Position Title Inspector	
Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
10(1) The number of educators that are required for a group of children of mixed ages receiving services at a full-time or part-time early learning and childcare centre is calculated as follows: (a) by multiplying the number of children of the same age by the corresponding factor set out in Schedule A; and (b) by adding the results obtained under paragraph (a).	10(1)	Sep 16, 2024	
Comments: During the follow up inspection today, it was observed by the Inspector upon arrival at 2:15PM that there were 20 children in the play area and three educators. Ratio was taken and this exceeded maximum group size for two educators.			
28(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall not change the allocation of space used to provide services or add to or alter any building or facility or any part of them unless the Minister has approved the changes in writing.	28(1)	Sep 16, 2024	Sep 16, 2024
Comments: Deficiency is now compliant			
28(3) The premises of a licensed facility shall comply with (a) lighting, ventilation and other general health standards under the Public Health Act.	28(3)(a)	Sep 16, 2024	Sep 16, 2024
Comments: Deficiency is now compliant			
38(4) An operator of a licensed facility shall provide steps or platforms that allow the children to use regular-sized toilets and sinks.	38(4)	Sep 16, 2024	Sep 16, 2024
Comments: Deficiency is now compliant			
41(1) A licensed facility at which services are provided to children who wear diapers shall have a sturdy surface that is (b) covered with a non-absorbent layer.	41(1)(b)	Sep 16, 2024	Sep 16, 2024
Comments: Deficiency is now compliant			
9(5) The number of children grouped at a full-time or part-time early learning and childcare centre shall not be more than the number that requires two educators.	9(5)	Sep 16, 2024	

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<p>Comments: During the follow up inspection today, it was observed by the Inspector upon arrival at 2:15PM that there were 20 children in the play area and three educators. Ratio was taken and this exceeded maximum group size for two educators.</p> <p>When each group was asked how many children they had, the Administrator indicated that they were counting all the children as one group. This cannot occur. Maximum group size cannot exceed two educators. They can all be in the outside play area at the same time however, they cannot be counted as one group.</p>			

General Comments
<p>A follow up inspection occurred. The orders for compliance from July 30, 2024, were completed however additional orders were added when ratio was taken by the Inspector, and it was found that ratio was not being respected or maximum group size for two Educators.</p> <p>One group had two educators and 7 children ages 2 and 3 years of age (In ratio), while the other group had one educator and 13 children ages 3 and 4 years of age. This exceeded ratio and two educators were required for this group.</p> <p>Inspector told the Administrator they had to call a staff in and if one was unavailable then parents would need to be contacted to come pick up their children. At 3:02 PM another staff member arrived to help cover ratio. Operator was contacted via phone and ratio was explained. It was indicated to the Inspector that the center had been letting educators go home early when they combine in the outside play area. It was re-iterated to the Operator by phone and in person at the facility, that this cannot occur, each group is considered a separate group, and that ratio must be maintained at all times, even in the outside play area. Maximum group size cannot exceed two educators.</p>

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Jodi Hennessey

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

September 17, 2024

Date

original signed by
Jacklyn Lynch

Signature of Operator/Designate

September 17, 2024

Date