

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 DCS Kids Daycare & Early Learning Center Inc.	Licence Number 2021005	Inspection Date November 04, 2024
Facility Name DCS Kids Daycare		Telephone Number (506) 688-4463
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Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Sophie Powers		Position Title Quality Assurance Monitor

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
10(8) For the purposes of this section, an infant may only be grouped with children of a mixed-age group outside the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on the condition that the infant is grouped with preschool children and other infants.	10(8)	Nov 04, 2024	Nov 04, 2024
Comments: When the Quality Assurance Monitor arrived on site at 9:30am, an infant 15 months of age was mixed with the preschool children. Infants are only to be mixed with preschool children outside of the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm. One staff member immediately brought the infant to the infant class. Deficiency is now compliant			
11(c)(ii) The qualifications and training requirements for administrators and educators are as follows: (c) at a full-time or part-time early learning and childcare centre, (ii) on and after July 1, 2020, (A) at least 50% of educators must hold a one-year Early Childhood Education Certificate or training that is equivalent in the opinion of the Minister, and (B) an administrator must hold a one-year Early Childhood Education Certificate or training that is equivalent in the opinion of the Minister.	11(c)(ii)	Dec 18, 2023	
Comments: This is a second reminder. Only the administrator and one staff member holds a one-year Early Childhood Education certificate. The administrator and 50% of educators must hold a one-year Early Childhood Education Certificate or training that is equivalent. The plan provided by the administrator to meet this regulation, back in January 2024, has not been successfully achieved. The Quality Assurance Monitor requests a new plan by the end of this week.			
24(1) For the purposes of subsection 20(1) of the Act, the following records and documents shall be maintained on the premises of a licensed facility: (b) child records that include: (ii) the name, address and telephone number of the child's medical practitioner.	24(1)(b)(ii)	Nov 07, 2024	
Comments: The Quality Assurance Monitor audited 6 child record files. In 2 of the audited files, the address of the medical practitioner is incomplete. Child records must include the name, complete address and telephone number of the medical practitioner. The operator must ensure that all child records files are complete.			
24(1) For the purposes of subsection 20(1) of the Act, the following records and documents shall be maintained on the premises of a licensed facility: (f) daily attendance records of the children on forms provided by the Minister.	24(1)(f)	Nov 04, 2024	Nov 04, 2024
Comments: In one classroom, the children's daily attendance was missing for this week. Attendance records are mandatory and must be completed each time a child arrives and leaves. The educator immediately completed her attendance sheet. Deficiency is now compliant			

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27 An operator of a licensed facility shall obtain the written consent of a parent or guardian of a child receiving services at the licensed facility before doing any of the following: (b) permitting, in the case of illness or soiled clothing, the child to shower or bathe or showering or bathing the child.	27(b)	Nov 07, 2024	
Comments: The Quality Assurance Monitor audited 6 child record files. In one file, the bathing or showering in the event of illness or soiled clothing was missing. The operator must ensure that all consents are signed and inserted in the children files.			
31(4) An operator shall ensure that the outdoor play area of a licensed facility (b) consists of more than one surface to permit different types of play.	31(4)(b)	Nov 25, 2024	
Comments: In the infant outdoor play area, only one surface was observed. All outdoor play area must consist of more than one surface to permit different types of play. The educator in charge during the inspection informs the Quality Assurance Monitor that sand is to be added soon.			
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, unless (a) the beverage is in a spill-proof container	43(a)	Nov 04, 2024	Nov 04, 2024
Comments: At the time of the inspection, the Quality Assurance Monitor observed a hot beverage in a cup that was not a spill proof container. Hot beverages must be in a spill proof container. The educators immediately disposed the hot beverage. Deficiency is now compliant			
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, unless (b) the container is kept out of the reach of infants and children who are two years of age.	43(b)	Nov 04, 2024	Nov 04, 2024
Comments: At the time of the inspection, the Quality Assurance Monitor observed hot beverages on a counter that was accessible to children that are two years of age. Hot beverages container must be kept out of reach of infants and children that are two years of age. The educator immediately disposed one hot beverage, and the other one was brought into the locked kitchen. Deficiency is now compliant			

General Comments

The Quality Assurance Monitor is on site for a monitoring inspection

During the visit, the following elements were verified:

- Child to staff ratio
- The outdoor play area
- If all required documents were posted in a visible and prominent place in the facility
- Child record files
- Educator's qualification and training

During the visit, the Quality Assurance Monitor observed indoor play and transition to outdoor play. The outdoor play area materials and equipment are safe, age appropriate, functional and in sufficient quantity to encourage the children to be active and involved in activities.

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Sophie Powers

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

November 04, 2024

Date

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Lisa Lamb

Signature of Operator/Designate

November 04, 2024

Date