

Early Learning and Childcare Facility Inspection Report

Type of Inspection:
Renewal 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 Elm City Childcare Ltd.	Licence Number 2021009	Inspection Date August 11, 2023
Facility Name School of Discoveries		Telephone Number (506) 440-6458
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Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Nancy Glendenning		Position Title Inspector

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. Comments:	21	Sep 08, 2023	
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 (iv) to explore the arts and sciences. Comments: Most of the rooms had art supplies that were kept out of the reach of the children. One of the educators told licensing staff, that when the children would like to use stored materials, they just had to ask for them.	21(c)(iv)	Sep 08, 2023	
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: (vii) documentary evidence of the child's learning. Comments: Please refer to the New Brunswick Curriculum Framework on how to document children's learning. This can include pictures, artwork, charts of children's learning, projects, etc...Some of educators were not able to show evidence of what the children are doing daily or learning. This must be evident in all rooms.	24(1)(b)(vii)	Sep 08, 2023	
30(3) An operator shall maintain the indoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children. Comments: The Easel, highchairs, photocopy machine or any other objects cannot be stored in the infant sleep area. The tops of shelves must not contain clutter or have objects that children can pull onto themselves. Chords cannot be dangling from walls as children will pull on them. All chords need to be secured in rooms where this was addressed.	30(3)	Sep 08, 2023	
31(3) An operator shall maintain the outdoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children. Comments: The integrity of the shade structure is at risk. The metal is bent in areas, and it does not appear sturdy. This must be fixed or replaced. The sand box requires a cover in the infant area.	31(3)	Sep 08, 2023	
31(4) An operator shall ensure that the outdoor play area of a licensed facility (a) includes a shaded area that is at least 10% of the outdoor play area. Comments: The shade has holes in it. It must be replaced.	31(4)(a)	Sep 08, 2023	

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32(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall provide indoor play area materials and equipment that are (b) arranged on low, open shelves and accessible to the children receiving services at the licensed facility, Comments: Shelving is required for the school age space. The Operator stated that she has ordered it.	32(1)(b)	Sep 08, 2023	
33(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall provide outdoor play area materials and equipment that are varied and in sufficient quantity for the number and ages of the children receiving services at the licensed facility. Comments: The outdoor play area required more accessories and should be an extended learning of the indoor play area.	33(1)	Sep 08, 2023	
36(4) The rest area of a full-time early learning and childcare centre and an early learning and childcare home shall allow for a space of at least 46 cm between each crib, portable playpen, cot or nap mat. Comments: The cribs in the nap room are spaced too close together. There must be 46 cm between each one. If all items that are being stored in this room are moved there is sufficient room to meet this regulation.	36(4)	Sep 08, 2023	
40(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall ensure that personal belongings of a child receiving services at the licensed facility that are brought to the licensed facility, including combs, brushes, toothbrushes, towels, washcloths, bedding, pacifiers and soothers, are (a) labelled with the name of the child. Comments: The infant room requires labelled cubbies or hooks. There were back packs laying out in the hallway at the time of visit.	40(1)(a)	Sep 08, 2023	
40(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall ensure that personal belongings of a child receiving services at the licensed facility that are brought to the licensed facility, including combs, brushes, toothbrushes, towels, washcloths, bedding, pacifiers and soothers, are (c) stored separately for each child. Comments: The infant room requires labelled cubbies or hooks. There were back packs were laying out in the hallway at the time of visit.	40(1)(c)	Sep 08, 2023	

General Comments

There was a lack of evidence of program planning in some of the rooms. Programming planning must be a process that engages the children and reflects on the children's interests, passions, strengths, and abilities. The daily program must incorporate the interests of the children, allow for spontaneous activities, and allow for a different pace when needed by either the children or the educators.

Operators and educators must:

- 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
- emphasize a strength based approach.

The daily program should be flexible to:

- incorporate the interests of the children
- allow for spontaneous activities
- allow for changes in the weather
- allow for a different pace when needed by either the children or educator

Each preschool room is equipped with many materials to create a wonderful learning environment for the children. All materials to make those learning centres should be accessible to the children. The school age area requires more learning centres. The Operator stated that shelving is on order and should be here by the

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end of the month.

Licensing staff discussed sleep schedules of infants with the educators in that room on the day of visit. Infants should be able to sleep on demand if they are tired and therefore the schedule for infants may differ from preschool children. It is best practice to have these conversations with the parent(s) to make the best decisions for the children in your care.

As the Fire drill exit is through the playground for the infants, the gate of the fence should be left open. All staff in each room need to be aware of where to go in the case of an emergency.

All staff were attentive to the children at time of visit. The educators would engage with the children by comforting, playing, or speaking with them at their level. The environment was calm and inviting.

Licensing staff advised operator to have lights present in the gym when they are using the screen on the wall. The gym was quite dark and could pose a tripping hazard if you had to move quickly out of there.

The files were organized, complete and easily verified by licensing staff.

There was a child size swimming pool in infant area that educators stated that they are using for sensory only. Educators also advised licensing staff that standing water from rain is being dumped prior to the children playing.

original signed by
Nancy Glendenning

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

August 11, 2023

Date

original signed by
Amanda Donahar

Signature of Operator/Designate

August 11, 2023

Date