

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 Angela Stewart	Licence Number 2021127	Inspection Date February 14, 2024	
Facility Name Macie's Happy Faces Daycare		Telephone Number (506) 440-6393	
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Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Sabrina Diotte		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)	Feb 29, 2024	
Comments: While the children were grouped together, one educator left the room and went into the kitchen, leaving the group off ratio. The ratio requirement would have been of 3 staff members, however, there were only two with the children which also included infants.			
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)	Feb 29, 2024	
Comments: Upon my arrival, all the children were amalgamated in the middle room, including the infants. Infants cannot be mixed with other age groups between the hours of 8:30-4:30.			
11 The qualifications and training requirements for administrators and educators are as follows: (b) educators must have successfully completed the Introduction to Early Childhood Education course or hold an Early Childhood Education Certificate.	11(b)	Feb 29, 2024	
Comments: The operator who also acts as an educator is required to complete the Introduction to Early Childhood Education course.			
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	Feb 29, 2024	
Comments: Pre-planned and documented program is not evident. Facilities are to implement and document an inclusive daily program which contains a variety of purposely planned activities, opportunities, and experiences. (see section 7.1 of the Operator Manual.)			
22 The daily routine of a licensed facility shall include (a) outdoor play for at least one hour in each four-hour block of time when the majority of children receiving services are in attendance except in the following circumstances: (i) the wind chill is below -20 °C; (ii) the temperature is below -20 °C; or (iii) the temperature is 33 °C with humidity or above.	22(a)	Feb 29, 2024	

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<p>Comments: The children had not gone outside this morning as the Operator felt it was too cold. As per regulation, children must go outside, at least one hour per four-hour block when temperatures are -20 or greater or +30 degrees and under. When I checked the temperature at 10:30 a.m., it was -16 C.</p>			
<p>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.</p>	24(1)(f)	Feb 29, 2024	
<p>Comments: A staff member who is currently on maternity leave was visiting with her two children who were not counted in the ratio or documented on the attendance sheet. Any children attended the daycare must be counted in ratio and documented on the attendance sheet.</p>			
<p>28(2) An operator of a licensed facility shall carry out emergency evacuation and fire drills monthly.</p>	28(2)	Feb 29, 2024	
<p>Comments: As per the Appendix 16, the fire drill and smoke alarm/detector checks were not done in January. The administrator advised it was done but not documented.</p>			
<p>28(3) The premises of a licensed facility shall comply with (a) lighting, ventilation and other general health standards under the Public Health Act.</p>	28(3)(a)	Feb 29, 2024	
<p>Comments: The Operator was cooking store-bought pizza in the oven and serving it to the children and also served cupcakes that were made at her home. This facility is not licensed to cook and serve food. Only food provide by the parents can be served to the children. During special events, food can be served to the children if they are prepackaged, and store bought, with parent knowledge and permission.</p>			
<p>29 An operator of a licensed facility shall ensure that the traffic area and the outdoor walk-ways of the licensed facility are free from obstructions and hazards.</p>	29	Feb 29, 2024	
<p>Comments: There was a large Thomas the Train bed in the hallway near the school age room. Hallways must be clear of any obstruction in case of an emergency.</p>			
<p>32(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall provide indoor play area materials and equipment that are (a) varied and in sufficient quantity for the number and ages of the children receiving services at the licensed facility.</p>	32(1)(a)	Feb 29, 2024	
<p>Comments: There is a lack of materials that are aligned and recommended by the NB Curriculum Farmwork. The materials in the classrooms are all plastic, there was only one natural loose part basket observed with pinecones in it. There used to be a sofa, but it was removed, there was no soft seating in the reading area. There were a few plush cushions, but they were stacked on the top of the water/sand table and not set up to be used by the children. No carpet or soft seating in the infant room, only hard flooring. Some toys were stacked on the top left and not accessible to children. There was no distinct stations or labelling. Although there were some pretend play items, such has doll houses, there were no costumes or other dress up items for the children. No items for science observed. No instruments were observed. No sensory play materials such as sand, mud or clay was observed.</p> <p>The regulation states that: open ended play materials and equipment in sufficient quantity and variety for the size of the group and representative of each of the following categories is present: • art materials including loose parts; • blocks and accessories; • language and literacy; • dramatic play; • music and movement; • large muscle (gross motor); • manipulative and fine motor; • sand and water play; • puzzles and games; • materials that support mathematical learning; and • materials that support learning in science and technology. (see section 9.2.2 of the Operator Manual).</p> <p>In addition regulation states: rooms minimally include, but are not limited to, the following: * 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. (see section 7.1 of the Operator Manual).</p>			
<p>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.</p>	9(5)	Feb 29, 2024	
<p>Comments: Because all children were amalgamated in the same room, the group size was larger than the requirement of two educators.</p>			

General Comments

The children had their Valentine's Day party today, they had pizza and garlic fingers, chips, soda, cookies, and cake. The children were observed coloring a Valentin's day picture.

There were some learning stories on the walls showing learning activities done with the children.

There is a clear lack of knowledge and understand of the New Brunswick Curriculum Framework, child led practices, documentation, and programming and therefore a referral to the Assessment and Improvement Facilitator will be sent.

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Sabrina Diotte

February 14, 2024

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

Date

Signature of Operator/Designate

Date