

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 Margot Smith-Van Putten		Inspection Date August 20, 2026
Facility Name Little Buds Early Learning and Childcare		Licence Number 2022054
Address 619 550 Route Hartford NB E7M 5L6		Telephone Number (506) 476-1492
Type of Facility Early Learning and Childcare Home	Maximum Number of Children 6	Ages of Children INFANTS PRESCHOOL SCHOOL-AGE
ELCC Licensing Staff Angela Tozer	Position Title Quality Assurance Monitor	

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
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General Comments Children were inside for a washroom break when licensing staff arrived but went back out to play. The program spends most of the day outside in the fenced play space. The older children particularly liked swinging on the swings. The outdoor area has a large wooden play structure with swings and a house along with a mud kitchen, a shaded area under the tree, and a large flower garden with sunflowers planted by the children. The operator was patient with children providing comfort to a child who was nervous with licensing staff present. The operator engaged in discussions with children and gave them space to organize and express thoughts. The operator followed the children's lead when they requested going inside to create art. The home environment is set up with a variety of resources with printed and visual labels. The children pointed out each area and shared past stories of their play. Books related to children's interests are standing up on shelves present in the space. The operator uses the kitchen table for art activities and has a large variety of supplies for children to choose from. A smaller table is located in the kitchen with another shelf with supplies for children to use throughout the day or after mealtimes to allow everyone to finish. Public Health posters were provided to the operator.
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original signed by Angela Tozer _____ Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff	August 20, 2026 _____ Date
original signed by Margot Smith-Van Putten _____ Signature of Operator/Designated staff <i>"I hereby acknowledge receipt of this report"</i>	August 20, 2026 _____ Date