

## 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 FIRST STEPS HOUSING PROJECT INC	Licence Number 2023099	Inspection Date October 04, 2024	
Facility Name First Steps Early Learning Centre		Telephone Number (506) 693-2228	
Address 120 Coburg Street Saint John NB E2L 3K1			
Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Robyn Nelson		Position Title Quality Assurance Monitor	
Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
51(2) The operator of a licensed facility shall inform the parent or guardian of the child involved in an incident as soon as the circumstances permit and shall ensure that the parent or guardian signs the incident report to confirm their awareness.	51(2)	Jul 30, 2024	Jul 30, 2024
Comments: Deficiency is now compliant			

General Comments
<p>Children were observed during indoor free play. The educators stated that the children are presently very interested in watching the world outside the windows, construction vehicles, dressing up in costumes, and learning how to walk!</p> <p>Educators have included themselves and their interests in their own documentation. Positive child guidance techniques were observed throughout the facility, with educators engaging at the children's level, providing appropriate supervision, using positive language, offering choices, and assisting children in decision-making.</p> <p>Parents of children present at the center are granted entry at any time. Outdoor play occurs for at least one hour in each four-hour block of time when the majority of children receiving services are in attendance, weather permitting. Monthly emergency evacuations are completed and posted. The facility has a clearly visible and prominent place to post the license, current inspection report, current monitoring reports, and orders for compliance. The daily routine is posted in each room, and evacuation procedures are located in a prominent location. Parents and children are greeted with enthusiasm upon arrival. The room is set up in an inviting manner, with materials that encourage the children to play. Books have been selected that reflect the children's interests. The facility has a varied supply of appropriate equipment, materials, books, and toys. Well-defined learning and play areas were observed, and several pieces of the children's artwork were displayed throughout the facility. Toxic products, such as chemical products and cleaners, are locked and inaccessible to the children. The changing area is located a meter or less from a sink. Diaper changing procedures are posted and visible to those completing a diaper change. Infant bottles are labeled and only used for the intended child.</p> <p>Various forms of literacy are present in the indoor environment. Several forms of documentation were observed throughout the facility. Webs have been completed with the children and have been expanded upon with educators.</p>

original signed by  
Robyn Nelson

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

July 30, 2024

Date

original signed by  
Mallory Curwin

Signature of Operator/Designate

July 30, 2024

Date