

We Rate!

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Recently, the BH Beginnings was evaluated using a scale called Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale (ECERS). This is a rating system that uses an evaluator and is very specific. There are approximately forty three sections which are addressed in the rating scale. They range from toys and equipment available as well as appropriate sized furnishings, specific diapering and toileting routines, and staff interactions with children and parent (to name a few). The evaluator stays in the room to observe as well as holds an interview with the Director.

ECERS is rated on a 1-7 scale with 7 being the highest mark. The criteria required in order to achieve the different levels is very specific. An example would be the table washing procedure. First, your hands need to be washed using proper hand washing techniques. Next, each table needs to be washed using soap and water first and then a disinfectant. A separate cloth needs to be used for each table for both the washing and disinfecting process. Thirdly, your hands must be washed again. It is a very precise process which can affect the scoring if a step was missed. As each step is observed, you are given a score. If a step is missed or carried out incorrectly, the scoring stops. In this case you receive the last scoring level.

I am very proud of the BH Beginnings staff who, through attention to detail and vigilance in carrying out the specifics, have achieved a scoring of 6.19. This is an amazing score! The average score in Winnipeg is between 4.5 and 5. Sarah Simm was the one staff who drew the short straw to do the diapering while being observed. Sarah did such an amazing job diapering that she received the highest score our coordinator has ever given out! Taryn Moffatt and Shannon Basisty were also instrumental in arranging and organizing the room to meet the ECERS standards. We were also assisted by Janette Klassen who followed through with the specific details.

I want to thank my BH Beginnings Staff for all their hard work and dedication in achieving this most amazing goal.