

KUKYOOSSIN LEARNING CENTER



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Monthly Board Report

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Maintenance, Compliance, and Licensing

August has been a busy and productive month as we prepare for our upcoming inspection. Maintenance has been diligently working in the building to address necessary repairs, ensuring our facility is in compliance with Montana state codes and licensing requirements. These efforts help us maintain a safe, high-quality environment for all children and staff.

Staffing Updates

We are excited to welcome three new hires to the Kukyoossin Learning Center: Mi'ran Calflooking, Jamie Spotted Eagle, and Monica Kipling. With their addition, we are now fully staffed and ready to serve our students. Teachers are also in the process of moving rooms and setting up their spaces to ensure we are prepared to meet the needs of every child in our care.



Enrollment and Capacity

We are proud to share that our program has reached full capacity with 22 children enrolled. Additionally, we have completed and submitted a new report to begin expanding our services to accommodate more students in the near future.

Rebranding and Educational Focus

Our program's name has officially been changed with the State of Montana from School District #9 Childcare Center to Kukyoossin Learning Center. This marks an exciting shift from traditional childcare to a learning-centered approach. We are moving beyond simply watching children to implementing high-quality teaching strategies that align with the Montana Early Learning Standards. This rebranding reflects our vision of preparing children academically, socially, and culturally for school readiness and lifelong learning.

The name Kukyoossin carries deep cultural significance. It means 'a coming together with your whole being to learn through observation.' In selecting this name, we wanted to honor our Blackfeet culture and emphasize the importance of working together as a community. This name reflects not only our educational philosophy but also our commitment to creating a better tomorrow for our children, families, and community.

Staff Training and Professional Development

On August 19, 2025, all staff participated in First Aid and CPR training, along with a Health and Safety review course. These trainings ensure our staff are equipped with the necessary skills to keep children safe and to meet all licensing requirements. Additional professional development opportunities will continue to strengthen staff expertise and build a highly trained team.



Program Enhancements

As part of our commitment to families, we are transitioning from paper-based logs for diapers, feeding, attendance, and other records to a new app-based system. This will allow parents to receive live updates on their child's day and ensure that our documentation remains accurate and up to date.

Looking Ahead

We are thrilled to open our doors on August 25, 2025, and to welcome children and families into the Kukyoossin Learning Center. With a full staff, a clear vision, and strong preparation, we are ready to begin this exciting new chapter of high-quality early learning in Browning Public Schools.

Respectfully submitted,
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