Iowa Department of Human Services
CHILD CARE CENTER EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE

Name of Center: Village Montessori,"Chiqui"-School LLC **Enrollment:** 19 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52133

Street: 2142 Indianola AVE **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50315 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 2142 Indianola AVE, Des Moines, IA, 50315

Director's Name: Maria Lopez **Phone Number:** 515-214-2739

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** miss-maria87@hotmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 09-07-2023

X **Licensing Visit** X **Unannounced Visit** **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

X **New Application** **Re-Application** **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 03-24-2023

FIRE INSPECTION **State** X **Local** **NA** **Is Fire Inspection Approved?** X **Yes** **No** **NA**

Date Inspected: 07-25-2022

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: X Profit Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: X Infants (0-23 mo.) X 2 Years X Preschool-Age X School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	21	15	26		62
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 05-23-2023 to 03-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 09-27-2023

I. IF CURRENT LICENSE IS PROVISIONAL, IDENTIFY THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This center opened in May 2023. This building has been occupied by other daycare centers prior to Village Montessori "Chiqui" opening in May 2023. The center is located in a single standing building. There is a secured entrance. The center serves children ages infancy through school age. Maria Lopez is the owner and director of the center. Maria was a registered in home child care provider for seven years prior to opening up the center.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. A pre licensing visit occurred in May 2023, giving the daycare center Permission To Open. All areas subject to DHHS licensing rules were reviewed during both visits. There is a place the entrance for mandatory postings. Some postings were missing the day of the licensing visit. Class schedules and lesson plans were posted in each classroom. Classrooms had age appropriate supplies, toys and furnishings. A recommendation was made for more toys and supplies to be added to the infant classroom and the 3/4's classroom.

The center has four areas of program space. There is an infant classroom that has a capacity of eight. There is a large classroom that has a capacity of twenty eight that is being used for a toddler classroom. There is another large classroom that is being used as a preschool classroom that has a capacity of eighteen. There is an area by the kitchen and bathrooms being used for the school age children. This area has a capacity of eight.

Maria was present at the initial visit. Maria wasn't present at the second visit. Staff files were in good shape at the first visit. Children's files were also in good shape.
Cristina assisted with the licensing visit. The infant classroom had three infants in attendance. One staff was working with the infants. The children ages two through four were combined today during the visit. There were eleven children in that group. Three staff were working with that group.

The center has a full kitchen and a cook. The cook has taken all required classes and can help in classrooms. The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. Menus were reviewed and show the center follows CACFP guidelines. .

The center has a playground with fencing. There is wood mulch, grass and some concrete paths. There are some climbing structures that are sectioned off in an area that is not being used as the structures are not in good repair.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Maria has been involved in child care for several years. Maria worked with CCR&R while a registered in home provider and plans on working with CCR&R as director/owner of the child care center. The classrooms are spacious for the number of children enrolled.

IV. IDENTIFY THE ASPECTS OF OPERATION THAT FALL BELOW THE STANDARDS REVIEWED:

109.4(3)a: Postings are required for:The certificate of license.Notice of exposure to communicable disease.Notice of decision to deny, suspend, or revoke center license or reduce to provisional status.All postings shall be conspicuously placed at main entrance of center.
Maria has put up the required postings.

109.8(2): Ratio maintained in center as required by age.
Infants were on the playground with the older children.
Ratio combinations were discussed the day of the visit and also with the director. The 2022 ratio guidelines was sent to the director.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. Sufficient space provided for dining. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. sufficient cooling. Sufficient bathroom and diapering facilities. Equipment, including kitchen appliances, are maintained so as not to result in burns, shock, or injury to children. Sanitation and safety procedures for the center are developed and implemented to reduce risk or injury or harm to children and reduce transmission of disease.
Three electrical outlets were not covered the day of the licensing visit. This was resolved the day of the visit and discussed with the director.

109.12(5)b: Infants diapered in a sanitary manner as needed in central diapering area.One changing table for every 15 infants/toddlers needing diaper changes.Diapering, sanitation, and handwashing procedures posted and implemented in central diapering area.
A diaper changing poster was not located by a changing table in the toddler area. The director put a posting by this changing table.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

This center has a full license.

This worker recommended that Maria contact CCR&R for support and guidance in transitioning from being an in home provider to a child care center.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact your DHS Licensing Consultant to discuss the issue. The child care director may also send a response which will be placed in the licensing file.

*Note: If you are a member of the general public, there may be additional information contained in the public file. You may contact the DHS Licensing Consultant to inquire.