

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

Name of Center: La Montessori Nurtury Inc **Enrollment:** 72 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 41616

Street: 575 N Kansas Av **City:** North Liberty **Iowa** **Zip** 52317 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 575 N Kansas Ave, North Liberty, IA, 52317

Director's Name: Lillian Meyers **Phone Number:** 319-665-2565

On-Site Supervisor(s): Melissa Wallace & Emma Benson **E-Mail:** lamontessorinurtury@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 08-26-2020

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

LICENSING VISITS

New Application X **Re-Application** NA

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 04-10-2019

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

Date Inspected: 09-11-2019

Comments : Does Comply.

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

Financial Type: X **Profit** **Non-Profit** **NA**

Accreditation: **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:	<u>Year-round</u>	<u>School-Year</u>	<u>Summer Only</u>		
LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	54	24	14	10	102
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 08-01-2019 to 08-01-2021
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown

Date: 09-04-2020

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

The center's annual visit was completed during the coronavirus pandemic. The center director and DHS worker reviewed IDPH and DHS recommendations for centers to plan, prepare, and respond to coronavirus disease. The center is following all guidelines put forth by the IDPH and DHS regarding the coronavirus. The center's current enrollment is not where it normally is due to many family choosing to keep their children home during this time. Prior to the pandemic, the center's enrollment was at 95. Today they had 72 children at the center.

I arrived at La Montessori Nurtury Inc. for an annual visit on 8/26/2020. All program space was observed. The areas observed included: classroom safety/activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observations, field trip/transportation practices, and file/policies/notebook review.

The director is Lillian Meyers. Lillian had a Bachelor's in Communication Studies and Human Relations.

The on-site supervisors are Melissa Wallace and Emma Benson. Melissa has a Bachelor's in Theater. She started in 2015. Emma has a Master's Degree in Student Education Higher Affairs. She started in 2/2018.

The center is for profit. The center is operated in a commercial building. The center has six classrooms, a multipurpose room, an office and kitchen. They accept infants to school aged children. The center is open from 6:30am to 5:30pm.

The center fire inspection was completed on 9/11/2019.

The center's curriculum is teacher created and focuses on: practical life, sensory, language, math, science, geography/cultural studies, motor skills, Spanish, music and art. The center does not offer field trips.

The center provides breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. The center has a caterer that provides lunch. Snacks are prepared on location.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

- The center has hosted a variety of virtual events throughout the Coronavirus pandemic.
- The center has worked diligently to develop a seasonal curriculum.
- The center classrooms are clean and nicely decorated.
- All center staff are expected to wear La Montessori Nurtury Shirts while at work.
- The center has chosen to offer E-Learning for school aged children enrolled in their program.

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

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.

- Choking hazards must be inaccessible to children under the age of two years.
- Staff purses/backpacks must be inaccessible to all children.
https://azpoison.com/sites/default/files/u116/poison_purse_generic.pdf
- Cleaning supplies must be inaccessible to all children.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. The center is directed to correct the items listed in Section IV. The director gave me a verbal commitment that the noted rule violations would be promptly corrected. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

I encourage you to contact your local nurse consultant. Child Care Nurse Consultants work with child care and early education businesses. Businesses may call or send questions to a child care nurse consultant about health and safety policies, health programs, health of personnel, and specific child health or safety issues. Please visit the following website to find out who your consultant is: <https://idph.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants>

I encourage you to contact Child Care Resource and Referral. They offer centers assistance with meeting the DHS regulations, QRS, infant/toddler concerns, room arrangement and environment, developmental concerns, Best Practice information, CDA assistance, or any questions or concerns you may have. Please visit the following website to find out who your consultant is: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/

*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.