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

Name of Center: La Montessori Nurtury Inc **Enrollment:** 81 **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 **E-Mail:** lamontessorinurtury@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 06-01-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 06-03-2021

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

Date Inspected: 10-24-2022

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

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

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

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	54	24	24	0	102
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 08-01-2023 to 08-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 06-06-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at La Montessori Nurtury Inc. on 6/1/2023. The center provides childcare for infants-preschool aged children. The center is open from 6:30am to 5:30pm. The center has 81 children enrolled. The center is located inside of a commercial building. The center is for profit. The center's fire inspection was completed on 10/24/2022.

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

The on-site supervisor is Melissa Wallace. Melissa has a Bachelor's in Theater. She started in 2015.

This worker observed all classrooms. The center's curriculum is Montessori based with Learning Beyond Paper.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center provides breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed. The center had completed their fuel burning appliance inspection and radon inspection.

The center does not offer field trips.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center also had required postings.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center has four planned annual closings to facilitate staff professional development, complete room resets and host parent/teacher conferences.
-The center hosts an Art Shows and International Festival.
-The center's curriculum is Montessori based with Learning Beyond Paper.
-The center has guest visitors: art specialist, comic artist, Raptor Center, veteran, fire truck, etc.

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

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
-Number not in compliance: 2

109.10(3)a: All medications shall be stored in original containers with physician or pharmacist directions. Labels should be intact and stored so they are inaccessible to children and public. Nonprescription medications shall be labeled with the

child's name.
-Sunscreens must be stored inaccessible to the children.
-When asked a staff member said that no one had emergency medications in her classroom. Upon review there was a child with an epipen. Staff stated that she forgot that the child was allergic to nuts. The child was not allergic to nuts. It is imperative that all staff know allergies in their classroom and are appropriately trained on emergency medications.

109.10(15)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year.
-Fire and tornado drills were not done in 2/23, 3/23, 4/23 and 5/23.

109.10(16)a: The center and supervisor shall ensure that staff knows names and number of children assigned. Staff shall provide careful supervision.
-When asked how many children were in their care one staff responded 6; the other staff shared 8. Staff must know how many children are in their care at all times.
-When on the playground staff must spread out to ensure careful supervision.
https://www.thesilverlining.com/safety-tips/effective-playground-supervision

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
-Changing tables must be maintained in a clean fashion.
-Choking hazards must be stored inaccessible to the children at all times.
-Purses and bags that belong to staff must be stored inaccessible to children at all times:
https://poisoncontrol.utah.edu/sites/g/files/zrelqx281/files/media/documents/2021/PursePoster.pdf
-Diaper sleeves are a suffocation hazard and must be stored inaccessible to the children.
-Chain locks on bathroom doors are not recommended. This could prevent individuals from getting out in case or fire/emergency.
-The playground fall zone around structures must be sufficient.
-The netting on the fence is a strangulation hazard.

109.11(3)d: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.
-Playground inspections were not done in 3/23 4/23, and 5/23.

109.15(1): Center shall serve each child a full, nutritionally balanced meal as defined by CACFP guidelines.
-Snacks must be credible. The following information was shared with the director: https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/training-tools-cacfp
-Staff should have measuring cups in their classroom to ensure children are provided sufficient measurements of meals/snacks.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

The following agencies are available to provide consultation, support, and educational opportunities:
CACFP: https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/child-and-adult-care-food-program
Child Care Resource and Referral: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/
Early Childhood Iowa: https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/
First Children's Finance: https://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/
Healthy Child Care Nurse Consultants: https://idph.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants
Iowa AEYC: http://www.iowaaeyc.org/
Iowa After School Alliance: https://www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org/
Iowa State University: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/early-childhood
4c's of Johnson County: https://www.iowa4cs.com/

*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.