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

Name of Center: Village Montessori,"Chiqui"-School LLC **Enrollment:** 50 **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: 04-19-2024

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** X **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:** 04-23-2024

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. There are security cameras in all classrooms, the playground and the parking lot. the 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. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed during both visits. Mandatory postings are in place in the entrance. Class schedules and lesson plans were posted in each classroom. Classrooms had age appropriate supplies, toys and furnishings.

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. This room is divided. There are two's on one side and toddlers on one side. 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 today and she assisted with the visit. The infant classroom had three infants in attendance. The toddlers had six children present. There were initially two staff working with the infants and toddlers outside. This worker stated these rooms were out of ratio. Maria stated she thought ratio for toddlers (one year old children) was one to five. An additional staff was added to the infants and toddlers during the visit. The two's classroom had seven children present. One staff was working with this class. The 3's classroom had nine children present. One staff was working with this group. The older class had seven children who were four years old and one seven year old. One staff was working with this group. Children were observed outdoors and in their classrooms. Lunch was observed.

The center has a full kitchen and a cook. The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. Menus were reviewed and show the center follows CACFP guidelines. Lunch served today was meatball sandwich, broccoli with cheese, peaches and milk.

The center has a playground with fencing. There is a new climbing structure and new outdoor toys. Turf is in place for surfacing.
There is an area outside that is not used by the daycare. There is a large climbing structure that is in bad shape. had

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 center is in the process of applying for participation with CACFP. The center has security cameras in place.

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

109.7(1): All staff(within first 3 months of employment)Two hours of approved training FOR the mandatory reporting of child abuse.At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions and infectious disease control.Certification in American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health institute or MEDIC First Aid infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) OR equivalent certification approved by the department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Certification in infant, child, and adult first aid that uses a nationally recognized curriculum or is received from a nationally recognized training organization including the American Red Cross,American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute or MEDIC First Aid or an equivalent certification approved by the department.A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Minimum health and safety trainings, approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.
A sub hasn't completed required trainings.

109.8(2): Ratio maintained in center as required by age.
Infant/toddler class was out of ratio today.

109.9(1)b: All files contain:A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information.Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted.Copies of national criminal history check results.Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.
One staff started working prior to state and federal record checks being completed.

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.
One staff hasn't had a physical completed.

109.11(7)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

This center has a full license.

Administrative records were discussed with Maria. She stated the violations found in the staff files would be addressed right away and corrected.

*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.