Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Montessori Nursery

Provider No.: 51760

Address: 70 Circle DR STE A, North Liberty, IA, 52317

County: Johnson

Director's Name: Courtney Kochevar Assistant: Elvina Hill

On-Site Supervisor: Emma Mengler

Phone Number: 3196262608

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HHS Visit Date: 08/18/2025

Licensing Period: 08/01/2024 to 08/01/2026

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 10/17/2024

Comments: Does Comply.

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [X] Year-Round
- [ ] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	7:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Tuesday	7:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Wednesday	7:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Thursday	7:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Friday	7:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

- [X] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [X] Toddler
- [ ] PreSchool
- [ ] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	22	27	0	0	49
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

This worker arrived at MONTESSORI NURSERY – 51760 on 8/18/2025 for an annual visit. The fire inspection was completed on 8/18/2025. The center is for profit. The center serves infants-two-year-old children. The center is open year around. The hours of operation are 7:30am to 5:30pm. Their current enrollment is 36 children.

The director is Courtney Kochevar. Courtney is the director/owner of Montessori Nursery. She started in 2018. She has her Master's degree from Mount Mercy University in Business Administration with an emphasis in Human Resources. She also has her Montessori Certification.

The assistant director is Elvina Hill. Vina has worked at the center since 2018. She graduated from Iowa Wesleyan University in 2015 with her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and endorsements in Early Childhood Education, Reading, and Social Studies. Elvina is is certified in Montessori Toddler (3-6 year old) training through NAMC.

The on-site supervisor is Emma Mengler. She has worked at the center since 2022. She has a Bachelor's degree in Education Studies. Emma is certified in Montessori Infant and Toddler training through NAMC

This worker observed all programming space in the center and outdoor area to ensure that the environment was safe, sanitary and hazard free. The center is located in a commercial building. The center has four classrooms, kitchenette, storage space and an office.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed including handwashing, medication management, appropriate cleaning/sanitizing/disinfecting, excluding ill children/staff, incident reports, and first aid kits. Safe sleep practices were

observed.

Nutritional practices and food safety were observed. They provide morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. The center provides morning snack and afternoon snack. Parents can chose catered lunch or they can bring lunch from home.

This worker reviewed required postings. This worker checked staff files and child files. The licensing notebook including emergency drills, first aid supplies, playground checklist, radon testing, HVAC testing and policies were reviewed. The center does communicate with parents via: Brightwheel.

The center utilizes the Montessori Curriculum.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

-The center's website is: https://www.montessorinurserynl.com/
-International Montessori Teaching Diploma's are held by lead teachers.
-The center is using Brightwheel for open communication, paperwork, pictures, and daily sheets.
-The center is clean, nicely organized and welcoming to those who enter.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.7(2): Center directors and all staff have the required contact hours of training.
-Staff must receive six contact hours of professional development annually from one or more of the subject areas under subparagraph 109.7(2)”a”(1). Center directors and on-site supervisors must receive eight contact hours of training annually from one or more approved subject areas under subparagraph 109.7(2)”a”(1).
-Trainings can be found by visiting: https://iowaccrr.org/training/

109.9(1)c: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.
-2 staff needed current first aid/cpr.
-5 staff needed current universal precautions.
-2 staff needed current mandatory reporter training.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
-During rest time, adequate lighting must be maintained for staff to effectively supervise children. The director is fixing this by changing the curtains and blinds so more light can come into room.
-Diaper sleeves and plastic bags must be stored inaccessible to the children. This has been resolved.
-A climbing structure in a classroom may need to have fall surfacing. The director needs to review the manufacturer’s instructions and if they have any question contact their local nurse consultant.

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Based upon the annual visit, it is recommended that this center remain in full licensing status. The director is reminded to review the updated Iowa Comm. 204: https://hhs.iowa.gov/media/6489/download?inline The director is encouraged to work with their Child Care Resource and Referral Child Care Consultant https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/ and their Child Care Nurse Consultant https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/child-care/hcci

Date: 09/28/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown

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Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Care License. Please take steps necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above.

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. You can reach Child Care Resource and Referral at **https://iowaccrr.org**.