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

Name of Center: Quad City Montessori School **Enrollment:** 115 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 20635

Street: 2400 E 46th ST **City:** Davenport Iowa **Zip** 52807 **County:** Scott

Mailing Address: 2400 E 46th ST, Davenport, IA, 52807

Director's Name: Elizabeth Bouslough **Phone Number:** 563-355-1289

On-Site Supervisor(s): None **E-Mail:** cshepherd@rivermontcollegiate.org tgreen@rivermontcollegiate.org

Date(s) of Visit: 08-29-2023

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:** 08-22-2023

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

Date Inspected: 02-02-2022

Comments :

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

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: 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		49	70	10	129
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 10-01-2023 to 10-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 10-17-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was completed at this center on 8/29/23. The center director, Elizabeth Bouslough, was present as were other staff. This is a Montessori center which also is a Montessori School serving school-aged children. The program operates during the school year and for six weeks during the summer. The center/school is parent owned and operated with a voluntary board of directors that is elected for two year terms. The school-age school portion of the center is not licensed and is considered exempt based on their registration as a home school provider and the fact that they answer to the child's respective home school district for curriculum and programming questions. The before and after care is available for all children at the school.

The center includes six licensed program rooms (including the lower level "gym") that can be used for licensed child care functions. Three of the licensed rooms typically provide care for children aged three to six years. Two of the rooms provide care to two to three year old children. One of the two to three year old rooms provides before school care and the other provides after school care for the toddler group. One of the preschool rooms is now also used for the before and after care for the preschool age children and for school age children when the lower level "gym" is not available. The other two preschool rooms are used for the preschool day only. All program rooms were found to be spacious, well supplied, and generally clean and organized. Staff were engaged with the children in activities. The program rooms each have direct access to their own adjacent restroom area. The central "atrium" area also has a men's and a women's restroom adjacent. Another central area that is part of the new wing of the center includes men's and women's restroom areas with multiple toilets/sinks. Each program room also has two sinks located within the program area, one at child level. Staff state they use the standing change procedure, including for the toddler rooms, when they have to change a diaper. All program space was observed.

The large "multi-purpose room/gym" is located on the lower level of the building. This room is approved space for the center, so long as it meets licensing requirements prior to use, though it is not included in the license capacity since it is used by multiple groups of children including the school children and since it is not always available for use by the center during the center's hours of operation. The center director states this room is used for before and after school care. This room has a maximum capacity of 47 children. There are restroom areas located on the lower level as well.

Allowable age combinations were discussed. The center is reminded that three year old children may not be combined with children age six and up, and two year old children may not be combined with children age four and up.

The center serves snack, lunch, and snack. The center does not participate in the CACFP. The children are required to bring their lunch from home. The center provides milk for lunch, and the director states the center also supplements lunches when necessary to ensure CACFP requirements are met. The parents are asked to provide some of the snack items for the center. The center includes two kitchen areas, one in the existing wing and a smaller one in the new wing of the center.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Ms. Bouslough has been the director at this center since January 2011 and is well qualified with experience and with her

educational background. The building and equipment continue to be well maintained. The program rooms are large with plenty of space for various activities for the children. The rooms are bright with windows and are well supplied and organized. The center has an excellent supply of books available for the children and teachers. The staff continue to work very well together and were observed to be highly involved with the children in all program rooms. The director continues to report strong enrollment for the center. The center completes daily sheets for the two year old children. The documentation required for licensing along with staff and child files continue to be highly organized.

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

STAFF FILES:
109.7(2): Center directors and all staff have the required contact hours of training.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed did not appear to have any training hours certificates.

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.
1. Several staff files were found to be missing the sex offender registry portion of the required Iowa record check.

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.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed did not have the staff physical completed pre-employment as required.

CHILD FILES:
109.9(3): Signed and dated Iowa immunization certificates are on file for each child enrolled.
1. _7_ certificates not valid. Valid certificate (IDPH form signed and dated by medical personnel) is required to be on site for each child prior to the child attending the center.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. 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.
1. First aid kit items and other items that should not be accessible to the children are accessible in lower level restroom areas. This has been cited previously.
2. Sanitizing solution for food preparation/food service surfaces has a required dwell time. Staff observed wiping this immediately in room 8. Review procedures for cleaning/sanitizing surfaces with all staff.
3. Food items observed set on miscellaneous surfaces that had not been cleaned and sanitized immediately prior to use in room 8.
4. Restroom area(s) need improved supervision. Children observed coming and going from restroom areas without staff supervision including multiple children in the restroom area at times.
5. Items observed set on cot surface in preschool one room. This is not sanitary for the cot/bedding. This has been cited previously.
6. Outdoor play area needs attention to weeds and thorns including what is coming through the fencing. Park bench surfacing has degraded such that there are sharp areas of wood and protruding screws. Pea gravel is not of sufficient depth throughout the fall zone area. Sandbox seat area is broken and presents safety hazard. Storage/toy box lid can drop presenting a safety hazard when it is opened.

109.12(5)b: Diapering, sanitation, and hand washing procedures posted and implemented in central diapering area.
1. Staff observed to leave the same gloves on throughout the diaper change including traveling to another room to obtain additional materials. Review diaper changing procedures as they are posted.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center is reminded of the following usable rooms and license capacities for each:

Toddler room (Diane) = 24 children
Toddler room (Tracy) = 25 children
Preschool room = 24 children
Preschool room = 24 children
Preschool room (Willman) = 32 children

The lower level multi purpose room is not included in the center's capacity but is approved space so long as it meets

licensing requirements. It can have a maximum of 47 children at any one time.

1. Program rooms that offer all day care including before and after care need posted schedules that reflect these time periods.
2. Keep children away from tables that have been prepared for food service activities until they have washed their hands.
3. Staff office area doors shall be kept closed to prevent children from accessing this area as well. This has been noted previously.
4. Ensure bleach solution is being mixed properly in all spray bottles per the manufacturer's instructions. The water and the bleach must be measured.

This center will continue with a full license. The center is directed to correct the items cited and the items noted above in this section of the report and to submit a written summary to the licensing consultant as to how and when those corrections are/will be completed. The written summary shall be submitted within 30 days of receipt of this evaluation. Thank you.

*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.