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

Name of Center: La Montessori Nurtury Inc **Enrollment:** 82 **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: 12-13-2022

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:** 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 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	54	24	14	10	102
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 08-01-2021 to 08-01-2023
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 12-14-2022

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

I arrived at La Montessori Nurtury for an annual visit on 12/13/2022. The center is for profit. The center provides child care to infants-school aged children. The center has 82 children enrolled. The center is open Monday-Friday 6:30am to 5:30pm.

The center is inside of a commercial building. The center uses 6 classrooms, kitchen and an office. The center's fire inspection was completed on 10/24/22.

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.

The center uses Montessori Based Curriculum and ProCare Learning View on Paper.

The center provides morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. The center caters lunch through Preferred Food Service.

The center does not offer field trips.

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.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center closes three times annually to ensure staff have professional development.
-Three times a year they do parent teacher conferences/deep cleaning of each classroom.
-The center hosted a summer family appreciation event.
-The center hosted an Art Show and International Festival.
-The center uses ProCare for open parent communication.
-The center is doing the Christmas Program at the Children's Museum.

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.
-One employee needed a physical.

109.9(2): All files are updated at least annually and when a change occurs.

-Two child files needed an annual update.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
-Choking hazards in classrooms: window clings and art supplies.

109.12(4): Individual covered mats, beds, or cots, and appropriate bedding is provided for all children who nap.
-All children must have their own bed, cot, or mat and bedding that is appropriate for the comfort of the child. At a minimum, each bed, cot or mat must have a washable covering (waterproof mattress pad, sheet, etc.) over it for the child's warmth and comfort and to allow for sanitation through washing. In addition, you must provide bedding such as blankets, sheets, and pillows for each child appropriate to the season

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.

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.