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

Name of Center: Montessori Nursery **Enrollment:** 42 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51760

Street: 70 Circle DR STE A **City:** North Liberty Iowa **Zip** 52317 **County:** Johnson

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

Director's Name: Courtney Kochevar **Phone Number:** 319-626-2608

On-Site Supervisor(s): Elvina Hill **E-Mail:** MontessoriNurseryNL@outlook.com

Date(s) of Visit: 11-01-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 03-17-2022

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

Date Inspected: 03-07-2023

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*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	22	20	7	0	49
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 08-01-2022 to 08-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 11-02-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Administrative Change: The center requested that their capacity increase from 44 to 49. This was approved based on square footage and restroom availability.

This worker arrived at Montessori Nursery 11/1/2023. The center provides care for infants-three year old children. The center is open from 7:30am to 5:30pm. The center has 42 children enrolled. The center is inside of a commercial building. They utilize four classrooms, a kitchen, and an office. The center's fire inspection was completed on 3/7/2023.

The director is Courtney Kochevar. She has a Master's in Business Administration with an Emphasis on Human Resources.

The assistant director is Elvina Hill. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education. She started in 4/22.

This worker observed all programming space. I also reviewed the curriculum.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center provides morning snack, lunch afternoon snack. Lunch is catered by Preferred Services.

The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed. The center had medications stored appropriately. The center did practice appropriate hand washing procedures at required times.

The center does offer walking field trips and will go to the North Liberty Rec Center.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center also had required postings. The center communicates with parents via the following app: Brightwheel.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-International Montessori Teaching Diploma's are held by three teachers.
-The center is in the process of being certified as a Nature Explorer's Classroom.
-The center is using Brightwheel for open communication, paperwork, pictures, and daily sheets.
-The director, assistant director and two onsite supervisors have a Bachelor's Degree or higher.

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

109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and

dental services at any time child is in center's care.
-Number not in compliance for dental: 2

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
-Ensure that choking hazards are inaccessible to children under the age of 3 years.

109.12(5)e: The provider shall follow safe sleep practices recommended by AAP for infants under one year of age: No toys, soft objects, stuffed animals, pillows, bumper pads, blankets, or loose bedding shall be allowed in the sleeping area with the infant.
-There was a blanket draped over the crib while a child was sleeping. There were also sleep sacks draped over the crib while a child was sleeping.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The director must review the following with infant room staff:
-Safe sleep materials were ordered and sent to the center.
-Safe Sleep Policy:
https://hhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/portals/1/userfiles/128/infant%20safe%20sleep%20policy%2007202022%20final.pdf

The director is strongly encouraged to have a Safe Sleep Training through the Theo Wolf Foundation for infant room staff: https://theowolffoundation.com/

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.