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

Name of Center: La Montessori Nurtury Inc **Enrollment:** 81 **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: 11-21-2024

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:** 06-30-2023

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

Date Inspected: 06-11-2024

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*	*Summary Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	54	24	24	0	102
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 08-01-2023 to 08-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 11-25-2024

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at La Montessori Nursery for an annual visit on 11/21/2024. The center provides care for infants-preschool aged children. They are open Monday-Friday 6:30am to 5:30pm. They have 81 children enrolled.

The center is located inside of a commercial building. The program uses six classrooms. The center is for profit. The center's fire inspection was completed on 6/11/2024.

All program space was observed on the date of my visit.

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.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center provides morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed. The center followed handwashing procedures. The center had a fully stocked first aid kit.

The center's curriculum is a blend of Montessori and Traditional Education.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center had all required postings.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center has four planned annual closings for training, room resets, and conferences.
-The center hosts several family events including: an Art Show, a Christmas Concert, an International Festival, Pie with Parents, a Summer Picnic and the Ice Cream Truck visit.
-The center has done a great job maintaining staff: Ashley and Marlys started in 2017. Kara started 2018. Leigh started in 2019. Kendra, Lacey, Stephanie and started in 2022.
-Lillian and Melissa are both Montessori Certified.

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

109.10(15)d: Daily checks to ensure all exits are unobstructed.
-The fire exits must be unobstructed at all times. These were obstructed on the visit in 11/2024, 5/2023 and 9/2021.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.

-Choking hazards must be stored inaccessible to children.
-The center had several indoor climbing structures that were over 18 inches. They did not have sufficient fall surfacing/fall zone.
https://www.cpsc.gov/s3fs-public/325.pdf
-Staff purses/backpacks were accessible. These must be stored inaccessible to children at all times:
https://poisoncontrol.utah.edu/sites/g/files/zrelqx281/files/media/documents/2021/PursePoster.pdf

109.15(5)c: Sanitary methods are used for dishwashing sufficient to prevent transmission of disease.
-Bottles and water bottles were not cleaned and sanitized. The following steps must be followed:
https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dphps/fsb/Documents/PotSink.pdf

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. 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.