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

Name of Center: Mundo Pequeno LLC **Enrollment:** 53 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 49597

Street: 1922 SW 1ST ST **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50315 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 1922 SW 1ST ST, Des Moines, IA, 50315

Director's Name: Guadalupe Castillo **Phone Number:** 515-244-3906

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** gallardo.lupe77@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 10-16-2023

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:** 09-06-2023

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

Date Inspected: 11-11-2021

Comments :

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	21		38		59
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 2

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 11-01-2023 to 11-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultation **Date:** 10-31-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Mundo Pequeno opened in March 2018. The center is located in a single standing building. There is a secured entrance. The center serves children ages infancy through preschool age. Guadalupe Castillo is the owner and director of the center. Guadalupe was a registered in home child care provider prior to opening up the center.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to DHHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the entrance. Class schedules and lesson plans are posted in classrooms. Classrooms are supplied with age appropriate toys, supplies and furnishings. Classrooms have children's artwork displayed. Children's belongings are kept in cubbies.

Guadalupe was present and she assisted with today's visit. The infant classroom in divided into two smaller classrooms, one side for younger infants and one side for toddlers. There were nine infants present. Three staff were working with this class. There were eight toddlers present. Two staff were working in this class. There were nine children in the 2's classroom. Two staff were working in the 2's class. In the 3's classroom, there eight children present. One staff was working with this class. In the 4/5's class, there were eleven children in attendance. One staff was working with this group. During part of the visit, the 2' class and 3's class were combined. Staff were doing dance and music activities, led by staff. Children were observed in their classrooms singing songs, reading books and doing crafts at tables. Lunch time was observed. Interactions between staff and children were observed to be positive.

The center follows CACFP guidelines. The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. The center has a two week rotating menu. Lunch served today was chicken and vegetables with noodles, oranges, wheat bread and milk.

The center has a playground with fencing. There is one climbing structure. There is wood chips for surfacing material. The center completes monthly playground checks.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Guadalupe has worked with CCR&R since opening the center for consultation. The center participates in IQ4K and has a

level 2 rating. The center has security cameras in the classrooms, parking lot and the playground. The center uses Bright Wheel . The center uses "My Teaching Strategies" for lesson plans.

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

There were no licensing violations cited during this annual visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

This center has a full license.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515-362-7823; email mlarson@dhs.state.ia.us) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

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