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BUREAU OF CHILDREN AND ADULT LICENSING



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September 6, 2007

Mary Lamos  
Montessori Center of Downriver, Inc.  
15500 Howard  
Southgate, MI 48195

RE: Application #: DC820289645  
Montessori Center of Downriver  
15575 Northline Rd.  
Southgate, MI 48195

Dear Ms. Lamos:

Attached is the Original Licensing Study Report for the above referenced facility. You have submitted an acceptable written corrective action plan covering the violations cited in the report. The study has determined substantial compliance with applicable licensing statutes and administrative rules. Therefore, a provisional license with a maximum capacity of 91 is issued.

Please review the enclosed documentation for accuracy and feel free to contact me with any questions. In the event that I am not available and you need to speak to someone immediately, please feel free to contact the local office at (313) 456-0380.

Sincerely,

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**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
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LICENSING STUDY REPORT**

**I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION**

<b>License #:</b>	DC820289645
<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Montessori Center of Downriver, Inc.
<b>Applicant Address:</b>	15500 Howard Southgate, MI 48195
<b>Applicant Telephone #:</b>	(734) 282-6465
<b>Administrator/Licensee Designee:</b>	Mary Lamos, Designee
<b>Name of Facility:</b>	Montessori Center of Downriver
<b>Facility Address:</b>	15575 Northline Rd. Southgate, MI 48195
<b>Facility Telephone #:</b>	(734) 282-6465 04/10/2007
<b>Application Date:</b>	
<b>Capacity:</b>	91
<b>Program Type:</b>	CHILD DAY CARE CENTER

## II. METHODOLOGY

04/10/2007	Enrollment
04/16/2007	Application Incomplete Letter Sent re: \$10 more needed
04/25/2007	Contact - Document Received \$10 more
04/25/2007	Application Complete/On-site Needed
06/27/2007	Application Incomplete Letter Sent
06/27/2007	Inspection Report Requested - Health
07/11/2007	Contact - Telephone call received discussed application w/Lamos. New construction building, hasn't completed plan review w/QFI explained must be done ASAP.
07/11/2007	Contact - Document Sent mailed plan review information
08/21/2007	Application Incomplete Letter Sent plan review and final ofs pending, health pending, outdoor playground inspection pending
08/31/2007	Inspection Completed-Env. Health : A
09/04/2007	Inspection Completed-BFS Sub. Compliance
09/05/2007	Inspection Completed-Fire Safety : A final ofs letter of approval by James Perry
09/06/2007	Corrective Action Plan Received
09/06/2007	Corrective Action Plan Approved
09/06/2007	Inspection Completed-BFS Full Compliance

### **III. DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS**

#### **A. Description of Facility**

Montessori Center of Downriver has relocated from its' old location at inside of Chorman Elementary School at 15500 Howard Street in Southgate. Montessori Center of Downriver is now located on Northline between the intersections of Allen and Dix-Toledo roads.

Montessori Center of Downriver is a new construction facility. The Office of Fire Safety granted final approval of this project on 9/05/07. The Department of Environmental Health granted substantial compliance on 8/31/07. A lead inspection is not required as this is a new construction building.

The licensee has a plan to install in-ground outdoor play equipment with the appropriate ground surfacing. This project has an estimate completion date of 4 weeks. The licensee is aware that the playground must comply with the Playground Equipment Safety Act. The temporary outdoor play area is located within walking distance. The manager of the Village on the Park Apartment complex has given the licensee permission to utilize their outdoor play area. Verification of this authorization is on file with the Department.

#### **B. Program Description**

Montessori Center of Downriver will operate a full day Montessori program year round for children ages 18 months-6 years of age. The days and hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. This program is not approved for nighttime care nor transportation services. The licensee is aware that prior approval from the department is required to provide either of these services.

There are 4 approved child use areas. They include the following rooms:

- Classroom A is a preschool classroom, which measures at 720 sq. ft., which is large enough to accommodate 20 children based upon 35 square feet per child.
- Classroom B is a toddler classroom, which measures at 778 sq. ft., which is large enough to accommodate 15 toddlers based upon 50 sq. ft. per child.
- Classroom C is a preschool classroom, which measures at 1,063.44 sq. ft., which is large enough to accommodate 30 children based upon 35 sq. ft. per child.
- Classroom D is a preschool classroom, which measures at 937.28 sq. ft., which is large enough to accommodate 26 children based upon 35 sq. ft. per child.

Based upon measured space this facility can accommodate 91 children at any one given time. Each classroom has its' own restroom with 2 hand-washing sinks and 2 toilets. There is also an additional hand-washing sink in each classroom.

Montessori Center of Downriver is not approved to prepare meals onsite. Children have the option of either bringing brown bag lunches or utilizing the hot meals provided by the contracted caterer G Philips Café located in the city of Taylor.

The meals will arrive in Thermo Cambro Containers to keep the food hot. This food contractor has authorization to operate a food service establishment through the Health Department and has a valid license, which expires 4/30/08. A copy of this license has been provided to this Department. The licensee is aware that compliance must be adhered with reference to posting of menus and other applicable licensing rules as they relate to their food service plan.

Indoor play equipment has been assessed and is varied and adequate for the approved capacity. The equipment will meet the physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development of children.

Mary Lamos is the approved program director. The Department in 1997 has previously approved Ms. Lamos credentials. Ms. Lamos has a Preprimary Credential through the American Montessori Society. Licensing record clearances and FBI fingerprinting clearances have been processed and are on file for Ms. Lamos.

### C. Rule/Statutory Violations

There are currently neither rule nor statutory violations.

## IV. RECOMMENDATION

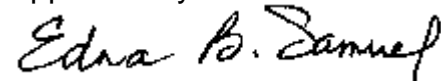
I recommend issuance of an original provisional license to this child day care center.



LaTonya Kegler  
Licensing Consultant

September 6, 2007  
Date

Approved By:



September 14, 2007

Edna B. Samuel  
Area Manager

Date