

South Carolina Department of Social Services
Office of Child Care Licensing
INSPECTION VISIT FORM FOR LICENSED CENTERS

Facility Name: Montessori Early Learning Center, Inc.

Date of Inspection: 4/2/25

Time of Inspection: 3:20p - 4:00p

Permit #: 13461

Type of Inspection: ☒ Annual ☐ Complaint ☐ Follow Up (original inspection date _____)

Reason for Follow up: ☐ clear up pending deficiency ☐ Self-Report

Address: 1101 Balsam Road, Columbia, SC 29210

Hours of Operation: M- F 8:00 AM- 5:30 PM

Telephone #: 803-772-2262

Any changes in contact info (Phone/Email/Fax)? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Overnight Care? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Center Director/Designee: Brantley Griffis Dresch, Ina Lightner Fort

Change in Ownership or Director? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, Name: _____

Maximum number of children: 213

Building 1: ☒

Building 2: _____

Building 3: _____

☐ CDEP

Maximum number of infants: 0

☒ 24 months ☐ 30 months ☐ I-4 facility

Infants are in designated rooms? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

Items posted in public view: ☒ License ☒ Menu ☒ Ratio Chart (All classrooms)

Does facility transport children? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATION & STAFFING 114-503

SUPERVISION 114-504

	C	N	N/A		C	N	N/A
Staff files are in compliance H(1-7)	☒	☐	☐	Adequate supervision throughout facility A(1-2)	☒	☐	☐
Training hours up-to-date K(5)(b-c)	☒	☐	☐	Facility following tracking of children procedures A(3)	☒	☐	☐
At least 1 person with CPR & 1st Aid on the premises K(5)(h)	☒	☐	☐	Ratios adequate in all classrooms and on playground B, C	☒	☐	☐

HEALTH, SANITATION & SAFETY 114-505

	C	N	N/A		C	N	N/A
Children's faces/hands are clean B(1)	☒	☐	☐	Proper diaper changing practices were observed F(1-16)	☐	☐	☒
Medicine and harmful items labeled and stored properly D(2)	☒	☐	☐	Proper handwashing practices were observed G(4)	☐	☐	☒
First Aid kit in facility and in vehicle if transport E(1), I(1)(g)	☒	☐	☐	No smoking/consumption of alcoholic beverage A(3)	☒	☐	☐

PHYSICAL SITE 114-507

BUILDING	C	N	N/A	PLAYGROUND	C	N	N/A
Ventilation and lighting & sufficient A(2)(a-d), (4)(a-c)	☒	☐	☐	Playground equip. safe & firmly anchored B(7)	☒	☐	☐
No strangulation/choking/suffocation hazards A(5)(g)(i-iii)	☒	☐	☐	Adequate cushioning material; at least 6ft fall zone B(9)	☒	☐	☐
Ceiling, floors, windows, doors free from hazards A(5)(d)	☒	☐	☐	Fencing/safety barriers 4ft. in height, in good repair B(4)	☒	☐	☐
Building(s) temp between 68-80°F A(7) If no, close in 4 hrs.	☒	☐	☐	Outdoor space free from hazards and litter B(2)	☒	☐	☐
Facility free from pest problems (Insects, rodents) A(8)(b-c)	☒	☐	☐	RESTING	C	N	N/A
Garbage kept properly in plastic lined receptacles A(8) (d-i)	☒	☐	☐	Play Pens observed C(4)	☐	☐	☒
Electrical outlets are securely covered A(11)(c)	☒	☐	☐	Cribs meet federal standards (reviewed certificate) D(1)	☐	☐	☒
Sink area has running water A(12)(d)	☒	☐	☐	Cots, mats, cribs labeled or charted for each child D(2)	☒	☐	☐
Soap and disposable towels available at sink A(12)(i)	☒	☐	☐	PROGRAM 114-506	C	N	N/A
Furniture, toys & equipment are clean and in good repair C(1)	☒	☐	☐	Written, planned, daily program of activities that is developmentally & age appropriate observed A(1-3)	☒	☐	☐
Furniture, toys & equipment meets the CPSC standards C(2)	☒	☐	☐	Positive, non-abusive discipline practice B(1)	☒	☐	☐
Healthy pets/animals (Vaccination record up-to-date) E(4)	☐	☐	☒				

MEAL REQUIREMENTS 114-508

	C	N	N/A		C	N	N/A
Meals & snacks in compliance with USDA A(1)(b)	☐	☐	☒	Round, firm foods are not offered to children under 4 yrs.	☐	☐	☒
Clean, wholesome, unspoiled, properly labeled food A(4)	☐	☐	☒	Old, unless properly cut to prevent choking risk A(3)	☐	☐	☒
Food preparers have proper hair restraints B(5)	☐	☐	☒	Food stored & handled properly D(1)	☐	☐	☒
Refrigerators have thermometers, temp under 45°F D(2-3)	☐	☐	☒	All cleaning & poisonous items stored away from food D	☐	☐	☒

INFANT CARE 114-509

TRANSPORTATION 114-505 I

	C	N	N/A		C	N	N/A
Infants are placed on their back to sleep A(5)(a)	☐	☐	☒	Vehicle has proper safety restraints & in good repair I(1)	☐	☐	☒
No bottles propped or given in cribs or on mats A(3)(c)	☐	☐	☒	Checklist for loading/unloading children reviewed (2)(d)	☐	☐	☒
Food for toddlers cut in pieces ½ inch or less A(3)(k)	☐	☐	☒	Driver's (valid) driver's license reviewed (1)(f)	☐	☐	☒
Food for infants cut in pieces ¼ inch or less A(3)(j)	☐	☐	☒				
Crock pots, bottle warmers, are inaccessible to children, No microwaving of beverages observed A(3)(d)	☐	☐	☒	C-Compliant with Regulation			
Cups and bottles labeled with child's name & used only by that child A(3)(a)	☐	☐	☒	N-Noncompliant with Regulation			
				No violations noted at the time of visit ☒			

Signature of Director/Operator/Designee: Brantley E. Dresch

Date: 04.02.25

☐ Refused to sign

Signature of Child Care Licensing Specialist: [Signature]

Date: 4/2/25