

Additions to CUP Application 2568

Blooming Grove Montessori

FAQ

During this application process there have been many questions from our community about this project. Here are some of the most frequently asked questions:

Is your plan to purchase the property at 4500 Rustic Dr if the CUP is approved?.

As of 6/17/22 we are the current owners of 4500 Rustic Drive.

What is the timeframe for beginning operations at 4500 Rustic Dr?

We would like to open on September 7, 2022 for the start of the School Year.

Please clarify if the 3 new classrooms at 4500 Rustic would be used for up to 26 kids between 12 weeks to 12 years old OR children under the age of 3.

4500 Rustic Drive will serve up to 26 children under the age of 3, in three classrooms, and there will be additional office space for staff. We would like the DCF license to include children up to age 12. This would allow siblings from our elementary program to join younger siblings in the case of an emergency, such as tornado warnings, or another pandemic. Early days of COVID required sibling pods and smaller groupings for child care programs. Based on DCF licensing ratios we would need a minimum of 4 staff.

Please indicate what your planned enrollment is for the new location, since often those enrollment caps are referenced in permit approvals to ensure consistency with state licenses.

We would like to start the 2022 school year with 16 children in two groups; (8) children in a group of 6-12 month olds and (8) children in a group of 12-18 month olds. Group sizes will depend on the children's ages in accordance with licensing rules and regulations. As the program grows we would like to have three groups (6) children under 12 months; (8) children between 12-24 months and (12) children 2-3 years old.

Please document that the proposed parking area will meet the minimum ordinance requirements for a daycare center. The ordinance requires the following: Daycare center: 1 parking space per 1.3 employees, plus 1 per each 10 children.

We plan to add 6 stalls to the existing staff garage parking. This would allow for a total of 11 spaces. We need at least 3 spaces (to accommodate 26 children) and at minimum 4 staff parking spaces for a minimum total of 7 spaces.

Please also indicate whether or not you've obtained approval for the second driveway access onto Rustic Road.

We currently do not have approval for a second driveway access onto Rustic Dr. We would not need a second driveway unless we use the space for a group child care center.

Have you applied for and/or already obtained any required state licenses to provide daycare services at the new location, please provide reference to that.

We currently operate Blooming Grove Montessori and Toad Hill Children's House as group child care centers. We plan to relocate our Toad Hill Toddler House program to 4500 Rustic Dr. with approval of this application. Toad Hill Toddler House is currently a Family Child Care license which only allows care for up to 8 children. We would like to expand this to a Group Child Care License allowing us to care for up to 26 children. We cannot apply for the group license until we have the CUP, but many of the required items will transfer to the new license.

The response for standard #1, for example, appears to be focused on the health/safety of your proposed operation. While that is certainly important, the response should address how your daycare operation will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare.

Our operations are in the spirit of service to the community and are not detrimental to public health, safety or welfare.

Regarding standard #4 for adequate utilities, etc., please address the adequacy of the existing septic system.

Based on the information we have received from our most recent septic inspection, and from PHMDC there are no concerns regarding the adequacy of the existing system. Since most of the children at this location will be under the age of three and in diapers, no meals are prepared on site, and water usage is minimal, we may not even need to update the frequency of septic services; but will monitor and have it checked and serviced as needed. We are on a similar septic at 4560 Rustic Drive and the current septic has been able to serve 60+ children age 2 and up; and 10 adult staff without any issues.