



APPLICATION FOR COUNTY OF ORANGE
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Orange County Child Care and Development Local Planning Council

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT IN WHICH YOU RESIDE: ☐ First ☐ Second ☒ Third ☐ Fourth ☐ Fifth

APPLICANT NAME AND RESIDENCE ADDRESS:

Nadhira

Hathotuwegama

First Name

Middle Name (Optional)

Last Name

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

[Redacted]

Home Phone Number

Cell Phone Number

[Redacted]

Email Address

CURRENT EMPLOYER: Little Scholars Academy of California

OCCUPATION/JOB TITLE: Director

BUSINESS ADDRESS:

[Redacted]

BUSINESS PHONE NUMBER:

[Redacted]

☒ **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:** Please attach a resume to this application and provide any information that would be helpful in evaluating your application. **A RESUME MUST BE ATTACHED TO YOUR APPLICATION.**

ARE YOU A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES: ☒ YES ☐ NO

IF NO, NAME OF COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP: _____

ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER? ☒ YES ☐ NO

IF YES, NAME COUNTY YOU ARE REGISTERED IN: Orange County

LIST ALL CURRENT PROFESSIONAL OR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND SOCIETIES OF WHICH YOU ARE A MEMBER.

ORGANIZATION/SOCIETY	FROM (MO./YR.)	TO (MO./YR.)
American Montessori Society (AMS)	01/2012	Present
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

WITHIN THE LAST FIVE YEARS, HAVE YOU BEEN AFFILIATED WITH ANY BUSINESS OR NONPROFIT AGENCY(IES)? ☒ YES ☐ NO

DO YOU OWN REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY OR HAVE FINANCIAL HOLDING WHICH MIGHT PRESENT A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST? ☐ YES ☒ NO

HAVE YOU BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY OR MISDEMEANOR CRIME SINCE YOUR 18TH BIRTHDAY? YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: ARRESTS OR DETENTIONS THAT DID NOT RESULT IN A CONVICTION; CONVICTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN JUDICIALLY DISMISSED, EXPUNGED OR ORDERED SEALED; INFORMATION CONCERNING REFERRAL TO AND PARTICIPATION IN ANY PRETRIAL OR POSTTRIAL DIVERSION PROGRAM; AND CERTAIN DRUG RELATED CONVICTIONS THAT ARE OLDER THAN TWO YEARS, AS LISTED IN CALIFORNIA LABOR CODE § 432.8 (INCLUDING VIOLATIONS OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 11357(B) AND (C), 11360(C) 11364, 11365 AND 11550 – AS THEY RELATE TO MARIJUANA)?

☐ YES ☒ NO

IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN AND ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS, IF NECESSARY.

PLEASE BRIEFLY EXPLAIN WHY YOU WISH TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD, COMMITTEE, OR COMMISSION. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS, IF NECESSARY.

I am committed to strengthening equitable access, program quality, and long-term sustainability within Orange County's

DATE: 2/23/26

APPLICANTS SIGNATURE: *Nadhira Hathotuwegama*

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**Orange County Child Care
and Development Planning Council**

*Appointed by the Orange County Superintendent of
Schools and the Orange County Board of Supervisors*

Membership Application

Personal Information

Full Name: Nadhira Hathotuwegama

Date: 02-23-2026

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Personal Phone: [REDACTED]

Personal Email: [REDACTED]

Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes

If no, Name of country of citizenship: n/a

Are you a registered voter in Orange County? Yes

If no, name of county you are registered in: n/a

Do you live in Orange County? Yes

OC Supervisorial District: Third

Do you work in Orange County? Yes

Employment

Current Employer: Little Scholars Academy of California

Occupation/Job Title: Director

Business Address: [REDACTED]

Business Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Business Email: [REDACTED]

Are there other employees from your agency, organization, or company currently serving on the LPC? No

If Yes, please list Name(s): [LPC NAMES]

Employment History: Please attach a current resume to this application and provide any information that would be helpful in evaluating your application.

Geographic, Ethnic, and Racial Representation

CalWORKs legislation AB1542 (Education Code 8499.3 (d)) states, "Every effort shall be made to ensure that the ethnic, racial, and geographic composition of the local planning council is reflective of the ethnic, racial, and geographic distribution of the population of the county."

Please indicate your ethnic Origin

Not Hispanic, Latino or Spanish Origin

Please indicate your racial representation:

Asian

Membership Information

Consideration for: Reappointment

Which category do you qualify for:

Parents/Child Care Consumers;Child Care Providers

What experience of special knowledge can you bring to the Child Care Local Planning Council (LPC)?

I bring over twenty years of experience in early childhood education, school leadership, and organizational operations, supported by a Master of Arts in Education and Montessori certification. As a school owner, I oversee regulatory compliance, budgeting, curriculum implementation, and team development, and my programs have been recognized multiple consecutive years as Parenting OC Best Montessori School. Through active involvement with community and professional organizations, I remain engaged in broader policy and quality improvement efforts, enabling me to contribute strategic, operational, and workforce-focused expertise to the Council's planning and decision-making work.

Please briefly explain why you wish to serve on the Council. Be sure to mention how you feel you may contribute.

I am seeking reappointment to the Orange County Child Care and Development Planning Council because I am committed to strengthening equitable access, program quality, and long-term sustainability within Orange County's early care and education system. As a current Council member and Director and Owner of two Montessori schools, I bring both strategic and on-the-ground insight into licensing, workforce development, enrollment trends, and family engagement. My experience leading program growth, improving staff retention, and maintaining regulatory compliance allows me to contribute practical, data-informed perspectives that align countywide planning with operational realities and community needs.

Have you attended a recent Child Care Local Planning Council meeting or Ad Hoc Committee Meeting?

1 - 5 meetings

Are you able to commit to regular participation?

No

Do you have the support of your agency/employer to be an active member of the council?

Yes

Professional and Community Memberships

LPC - July 2021 to present

American Montessori Society (AMS) - 2012 to present

Disclaimer and Signature

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I, the undersigned, understand that this application does not guarantee me a position on the LPC.

Date: 02-23-2026

Nadhira Hathotuwegama

Signature:

Nadhira Hathotuwegama

Globally experienced educator in early childhood and adolescent education with strong skills in leadership, innovative teaching, and institutional growth.

Key Skills

- Curriculum Development
- Research
- Program Assessment
- Technology
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Cultural Competence

Accomplishments

- 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 Winner: Parenting OC Best Montessori School
- 2024 Finalist: Parenting OC Top Leader of Orange County
- 2006 Joey Award Winner: Recognized by the Child Care Council of Westchester, NY, for exceptional contributions to the early care and education community in Westchester County

Education*

2021 M.A., Education St. Catherine University | Saint Paul, MN
 2001 B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies Hofstra University | Hempstead, NY
 Major: International Studies; Minors: Business Computer Information Systems (BCIS), and Social Sciences
 2012 University Montessori Teacher Education Program University of California, Irvine | Irvine, CA
 American Montessori Society (AMS) and Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (MACTE)
 *Possess past California permits, including Child Development Site Supervisor Permit and Certificate of Clearance issued by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

Experience

Director and Owner | Montessori of Brea, Brea, CA Dec. 2024 - Present

- Oversee daily operations of Montessori of Brea, ensuring compliance with state licensing and Montessori standards.
- Lead and mentor a diverse team of educators, fostering professional growth and a collaborative school culture.
- Enhance program quality through curriculum refinement and implementation of authentic Montessori practices.
- Strengthen family partnerships through effective communication and community engagement initiatives.
- Optimize enrollment management and budgeting processes to support long-term organizational sustainability.

Director and Owner | Little Scholars Academy of California, Orange, CA Sept. 2016 - Present

- Implemented comprehensive Montessori pedagogy, resulting in a 25% rise in student development.
- Spearheaded staff training initiatives with DEI, leading to a 20% decrease in turnover rate and enhanced team cohesion.
- Established robust parent engagement programs, achieving a significant rise in parental satisfaction.
- Instructed Master of Education Students at St. Catherine University as a Project Coach every semester.

Operations Leader | Ameriprise Financial, Irvine, CA March 2015 – Aug. 2016

- Managed site operations at a Fortune 500 company, overseeing financial management, leadership, human resources, performance management, client acquisition, and facility maintenance.

Administrative Director | LePort Schools, Irvine, CA Dec. 2013 – Feb. 2015

- Oversaw campus administrative operations, improved productivity through technology, ensured regulatory compliance, developed marketing strategies, managed budgets, and coordinated site projects.

Director of Operations & Clients | Kids Play Center, Inc., Yonkers, NY Jan. 2003 – Dec. 2013

- Managed Human Resources and recruitment, improving efficiency and reducing costs.
- Oversaw staffing, built vendor relationships, and organized staff training for program development.

Client Services Manager | Gates Capital Management, New York, NY Jan. 2009 – Feb. 2011

- Transformed investor relations, operations, IT, marketing, and fund administration functions.
- Maintained critical business communication, managed content distribution, completed high-visibility projects, and ensured effective project execution.

Professional Associations

- Orange County Child Care & Development Planning Council (appointed by OC Board of Supervisors)
- American Montessori Society (AMS)
- National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
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