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

Name of Center: Metro Kids - Capitol View **Enrollment:** 33 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 36560

Street: 320 E 16th St **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50316 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 2100 Fleur Dr, Des Moines, IA, 50321

Director's Name: Linda Phillips **Phone Number:** 515-242-7951

On-Site Supervisor(s): Megan Garza **E-Mail:** linda.phillips@dmschools.org

Date(s) of Visit: 05-22-2025

X **Licensing Visit** X **Unannounced Visit** X **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

New Application X **Re-Application** **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 12-01-2023

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

Date Inspected: 07-24-2024

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: Infants (0-23 mo.) 2 Years X Preschool-Age X School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			40	60	100
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 01-01-2026 to 01-01-2028
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 05-23-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Metro Kids - Capitol View has been in operation since 1987. The center provides child care services for preschool age and school age children that attend this school. The school has secured entrances. The center uses the school's gym and cafeteria. The center uses a kindergarten class for programming for the preschool and kindergarten age children. The outdoor playground is used by the center. Linda Phillips is the director of this program. Megan Garza is the on site supervisor. Megan has been employed with Metro Kids since 2021.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the entrance. The schedule/lesson plan was available. A monthly newsletter was also posted. Children's backpacks and coats are kept in individual baskets.

Megan assisted with today's visit. There were five staff working. Thirty one children were present today. Children are divided into two groups: the school age children and the preschool and kindergarten children. Children were observed in the cafeteria, the gym and on the playground. Children were observed during snack time, during large motor play activities and playing in centers and doing table activities. Staff were supporting children with their games and activities.

The center uses the school playground. School staff maintain the playground. The center completes monthly playground checks.

The center provides snack after school. The storage of the snacks is sufficient. The snack menu was reviewed and showed compliance with CACFP requirements. Snack served today was Cheez Its crackers and 100% apple juice.

Metro Kids Programs use Des Moines School buses for transportation to field trips.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center has a nice amount of play and learning materials for children's use. Children are offered large motor play activities daily through the use of the gym and playground.

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

There were no licensing violations cited during today's visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The 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 (melinda.larson@hhs.iowa.gov) 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.

*Note: If you are a member of the general public, there may be additional information contained in the public file. You may contact the DHS Licensing Consultant to inquire.

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An administrative change is being made to move the licenses for all Metro Kids locations to 1-1-2020 to 1-1-2022

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