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

Name of Center: Metro Kids - South Union **Enrollment:** 23 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 36577

Street: 4201 S Union St **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50315 **County:** Polk

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

Director's Name: Kelsi Stanley **Phone Number:** 515-242-7951

On-Site Supervisor(s): Fatima Astudillo - Sanchez **E-Mail:** Kelsi.Stanley@dmschools.org

Date(s) of Visit: 12-12-2024

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:** 11-08-2023

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

Date Inspected: 09-19-2023

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 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				120	120
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 01-01-2024 to 01-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 12-19-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Metro Kids - South Union has been in operation for many years. The center provides care child care services to children who attend this school. The school has secured entrances. The school's gym, cafeteria and library are used by Metro Kids for programming space. Kelsi Stanley is the director of the Metro Kids programs. Fatima Astudillo - Sanchez is the on site supervisor.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules and standards were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the entrance. A daily scheduled was posted. The center has a room in the library that is used for an office and storage. Children's coats and backpacks are kept in the cafeteria.

Fatima assisted with today's visit. There were three staff working. Twenty children were present today. Children were observed in the cafeteria today. Children were observed during child directed play activities and during snack. The center sets out interest areas in the cafeteria during programming. Children were coloring and playing within the interest areas. This worker also observed transition times today.

The center provides after school snack during programming. Menus reflect the center is compliant with CACFP standards. Snack served today was crackers and 100% juice. Food storage is sufficient.

The center uses the school's playground. The playground is maintained by the school. The center completes monthly playground checks.

Metro Kids Programs use Des Moines Schools buses for field trips.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Children have the opportunity to engage in large motor play activities on a daily basis through the use of the gym and playground. The center has spacious programming space. The center has a good amount of age appropriate toys and learning materials.

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

There were no licensing violations cited today.

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.

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