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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Metro Kids - Hanawalt

Provider No.: 36563

Address: 225 56th St, Des Moines, IA, 50312

County: Polk

Director's Name: Kelsi Stanley

On-Site Supervisor: Bri Moberg

Phone Number: 5152427951

E-Mail: Kelsi.Stanley@dmschools.org

HHS Visit Date: 04/13/2026

Licensing Period: 01/01/2026 to 01/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 09/11/2023

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [ ] Year-Round
- [X] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday		2:30 PM to 5:30 PM	
Tuesday		2:30 PM to 5:30 PM	
Wednesday		2:30 PM to 5:30 PM	
Thursday		2:30 PM to 5:30 PM	
Friday		2:30 PM to 5:30 PM	
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

- [ ] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [ ] Toddler
- [ ] PreSchool
- [X] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General				120	120
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

Metro Kids - Hanawalt has been in operation since 1987. The center provides child care for school age children throughout the school year. The school has secured entrances. The center uses the school's cafeteria, gym and library for programming. Kelsi Stanley is the director of this site. Bri Moberg is th,e on site supervisor. She has been with Metro Kids since 2022. Bri has been the on site supervisor since September 2025.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to HHS licensing were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the entrance. The schedule has schedule posted. A current lesson plan wasn't posted today nor available. Bri said she is reviewing how the center does lesson plans with the current enrollment and taking into consideration of all the children attending. Children put their coats and backpacks in individual baskets.

Bri assisted with today's visit. Six staff were working today. There were fifty four children in attendance. Children were observed mainly on the playground. Various table activities were set up on tables and interest areas are also set up in the cafeteria. Staff were observed to be spaced out on playground, to ensure adequate supervision was being provided. Staff were observed to be interacting and playing alongside the children during the visit.

The center provides snacks during after school programming. Menus reviewed show compliance with CACFP compliance. Food storage is sufficient to prevent spoilage. Snack served today was yogurt and granola.

The center uses the school's playground. There are basketball hoops, climbing structures, soccer fields and grass fields. The center completes monthly playground checks.

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Metro Kids use Des Moines School buses for off site field trips.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center has spacious programming space. Children are offered large motor play activities on a daily basis through the use of the gym and playground. The center has a nice amount of age appropriate supplies and toys.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.12(1): Program structure that uses developmentally appropriate practices and written program of activities planned to the developmental needs of children served.Program complements but does not duplicate school curriculum.Schedule of program is posted in a place visible to parents.
Bri said she didn't have a lesson plan for the week as they are reviewing lesson plans for the center, considering all the children in attendance and how to best address the needs of all the children. This worker advised there should be a lesson plan available and the plan could be altered or additions made as needed.

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

NA

5. 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.

Date: 04/21/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

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