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

Name of Center: Metro Kids - Brubaker **Enrollment:** 42 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 36559

Street: 2900 E 42nd St **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50317 **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): Amy Carothers **E-Mail:** Kelsi.Stanley@dmschools.org

Date(s) of Visit: 09-16-2024

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: 08-17-2023

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: Year-round X 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:** 09-17-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Metro Kids - Brubaker has been in operation since 2003. The center provides after school programming for school age children. During the summer, winter and spring breaks, Metro Kids offers all day programs. The school has secured entrances. The center uses the school's cafeteria, library and gym for programming space. The center also uses the playgrounds. Kelsi Stanley is the director of the center. Amy Carothers is the on site supervisor.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS licensing were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the entrance parents use. A schedule and monthly lesson plan was posted. A newsletter was also posted.

An unannounced visit was completed. Amy was present and she assisted with the visit. Four staff were working today. Thirty three children were present. Children were observed in the cafeteria. Children were going to the playground for outdoor play also. Snack was observed today as well as children having child directed programming time.

The center serves snack after school. The center gets food from the school. Snack menus were reviewed and CACFP requirements are being met. Snack served today was graham crackers and 100% juice.

The school's playground has some basketball hoops, some large climbing structures. There is tile for surfacing material. There are concrete and grass areas. School staff maintain the playground. Metro Kids staff has completed monthly playground checks.

Metro Kids Programs uses Des Moines Public School buses for off site field trips.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center has spacious programming space for the children being served. Children are afforded large motor play on a daily basis through the use of the gym and playgrounds.

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 mlarson@dhs.state.ia.us) 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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