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

Name of Center: Metro Kids - Park Avenue **Enrollment:** 64 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 36573

Street: 3141 SW 9th 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): Sylvia Bright **E-Mail:** linda.phillips@dmschools.org

Date(s) of Visit: 08-02-2024

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:** 11-23-2023

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

Date Inspected: 08-23-2023

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				100	100
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:** 09-12-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Metro Kids - Park Avenue has been in operation for many years. The center provides after school child care school for children attending this school. The center uses the school's cafeteria and gym for programming space. The center also uses the school's playground. The school has secured entrances. Kelsi Stanley is the administrative director of the Metro Kids programs. Sylvia Bright is the on site supervisor. Sylvia has been with Metro Kids for several years.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place in the cafeteria. The center's schedule/lesson plan was posted. The center's supplies are kept in cabinets and bins in the cafeteria. Children's coats and backpacks are kept on hooks in the cafeteria.

Cheyenne Gebhart, a staff from River Woods, assisted today. This center is a summer programming center so there are staff and children from other Metro Kids centers at this center for the summer. There were thirty one children (Kindergarten through 2nd grade) in the cafeteria. There were thirteen children (3rd through 5th grade) in the Media Center. Children were involved in small group and individual play activities.

The center provides snack after school. During all day programming, the center provides breakfast. Children bring their own lunch. The menu was reviewed today was compliant with CACFP requirements.

The center uses the school's playground. School staff maintain the playground. Fall surfacing material is rubber tile. The center completed monthly playground checks.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This center has a nice amount of age appropriate supplies and furnishings for children's use. Children are offered large motor play activities daily through the use of the school's 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.

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