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

Name of Center: Metro Kids - Perkins **Enrollment:** 45 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 36574

Street: 4301 College Ave **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50311 **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): Shelby Kephart **E-Mail:** Kelsi.Stanley@dmschools.org

Date(s) of Visit: 03-12-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 01-06-2023

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

Date Inspected: 10-11-2023

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				130	130
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 - Perkins has been in operation since 1987. The center provides before and after school sessions throughout the school year. The center uses the school's cafeteria, gym and library for program rooms. Parents use a door that is located close to the cafeteria for entrance. Kelsi Stanley is the director of this center. Shelby Kephart is the on site supervisor.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are posted at the entrance of the cafeteria. The schedule/lesson plan was posted. The center keeps their supplies in cabinets in the cafeteria. The center sets out table activities and interest areas in the cafeteria.

Shelby was present today and she assisted with the visit. Today was a spring break day so children and staff from a few Metro Kids programs were here. There were six staff working today. Forty one children were in attendance. Children were observed in the library and in the cafeteria. Children were observed in the cafeteria and on the playground.

The center provides snacks after school. The center gets snacks from the school. For all day programming, the center provides breakfast also. Children bring their own lunch. Menus reviewed show snacks served are in compliance with CACFP requirements. The center has been serving PopTarts as one food component for breakfast, which does not meet CACFP requirements.

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

Metro Kids uses school buses for field trips.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center has a lot of program space. Children are afforded large motor play on a daily basis through the use of the school's playground and gym.

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

109.15(1): Center shall serve each child a full, nutritionally balanced meal as defined by CACFP guidelines.Staff shall provide supervision at table during snacks and meals.Children at center two hours or longer shall be offered food of not less than two hours and no more than three hours apart unless child is asleep.
Some breakfasts being served don't meet CACFP requirements. Information on CACFP has repeatedly been sent to Metro Kids and made available to Metro Kids management.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

This 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.

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