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

Name of Center: Metro Kids - Morris **Enrollment:** 37 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 36571

Street: 1401 Geil Ave **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): Jennifer Young **E-Mail:** Kelsi.Stanley@dmschools.org

Date(s) of Visit: 12-02-2024

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:** 11-08-2023

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

Date Inspected: 09-23-2024

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				125	125
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:** 12-18-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Metro Kids has offered child care services for school age children under Department of Education for many years. In 2014 these school sites became licensed by DHS. The school has secured entrances. The center used the cafeteria and gym for programming space. The center also uses the playground. Kelsi Stanley is the administrative director of Metro Kids. Jennifer Young is the on site supervisor. Jennifer Young has worked for Metro Kids since 2007.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were observed. Mandatory postings are in place in the cafeteria. A schedule/lesson plan was posted. The center keeps their supplies in a spacious closet in the cafeteria. The center sets out interest centers, table toys, art materials and games throughout the cafeteria. Children's belongings are kept in lockers, which are in the cafeteria.

Jennifer assisted with today's visit. There were seven staff working today. Thirty three children were present today. Children were divided into two groups. The younger children, grades Kindergarten through 2nd grade, were in the cafeteria and the older children, grades third through fifth, were in the gym. The groups did rotate to the other program areas during the visit. Children were playing large motor activity games in the gym. There were various table games and activities set out in the cafeteria for children to participate in.

The center serves snack after school. The center gets the snacks from the school. Snack served today was cheese sticks and 100% juice. The snack menu was reviewed today and showed compliance with CACFP requirements.

The school's playground is maintained by school staff. There are a few climbing structures and basketball hoops. There is rubber tile for fall surfacing. The center completes monthly playground checks.

Metro Kids uses Des Moines School buses for field trips.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center has spacious programming space. The children are offered large motor play daily. The center has a nice amount of play and learning materials for children's use.

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

There were no licensing violations cited during the visit today.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

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