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

**Name of Center:** Metro Kids - Howe **Enrollment:** 43 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 36564

**Street:** 2900 Indianola 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):** Amelia Jeanie Gomez **E-Mail:** linda.phillips@dmschools.org

**Date(s) of Visit:** 03-07-2024

X **Licensing Visit** X **Unannounced Visit** **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:** 09-20-2022

**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* |
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| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Age | Capacity |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| General | | | | 150 | 150 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**QRS Rating:** N/A

| RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE: | |
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| 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:** 03-07-2024

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

**II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:**

Metro Kids - Howe has been in operation for many years, initially licensed under the Department of Education. The school has secured entrances. The center primarily uses the gym for programming space. They also have access to a few other classrooms. The school's playground is used for outdoor play. Kelsi Stanley is the executive director of the Metro Kids program. Jeanie Gomez is the on site supervisor.

An unannounced visit was completed. All areas subject to DHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place. The center's schedule and lesson plan were posted. The center keeps their supplies in a storage room in the gym. The center places games, toys, activities and interest areas out for children in the gym and/or the music room. Children's coats and back backs are generally placed in the gym.

Jeanie Gomez was present and she assisted with the visit. There were three additional staff working today. Twenty three children were present at the beginning of the visit. Children were observed mainly in the music room. Children did transition for time in the gym also. Children were playing board games and card games, playing with blocks, tablets and playing with art/craft materials. Staff were observed to be supporting children with their individual and group activities during the visit.

The center serves snack after school. Menus reviewed showed compliance with CACFP standards.

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

**III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:**

The center has spacious programming space. The center has a nice amount of supplies and toys available for the number of children being served.

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

109.7(1): All staff(within first 3 months of employment)Two hours of approved training FOR the mandatory reporting of child abuse.At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions and infectious disease control.Certification in American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health institute or MEDIC First Aid infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) OR equivalent certification approved by the department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Certification in infant, child, and adult first aid that uses a nationally recognized curriculum or is received from a nationally recognized training organization including the American Red Cross,American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute or MEDIC First Aid or an

equivalent certification approved by the department.A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Minimum health and safety trainings, approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.

109.7(2): Center directors and all staff have the required contact hours of training.

109.9(1)a: All files contain statement signed by staff indicating whether they have a criminal conviction or founded child/dependent adult abuse.

**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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