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

Name of Center: Metro Kids - Park Avenue **Enrollment:** 40 **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:** Kelsi.Stanley@dmschools.org

Date(s) of Visit: 11-17-2022

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:** 11-15-2021

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

Date Inspected: 09-28-2022

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: 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 01-01-2022 to 01-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 12-19-2022

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 DHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place in the cafeteria. The center's schedule/lesson plan was also available. Table toys and interest centers are set out in the cafeteria.

Sylvia assisted with the visit. Thirty children were present today. Initially, Sylvia was the only Metro staff working. A staff from the 21st Century program was working with Sylvia. Approximately ten minutes after Metro Kids started, a second Metro Kids staff came to the program. A third Metro Kids staff came during the visit. This issue with discussed with Sylvia, who stated she was aware the staff from 21st Century wasn't approved to be a Metro staff. Children were observed doing individual and group activities. Some children were doing a painting activity during the visit. Some children went to the gym during the visit.

The center provides snack during programming. Chex mix and milk was the snack served today. The menu reviewed today was compliant with CACFP requirements.

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:

Sylvia Bright, the on site supervisor, has been with Metro Kids for several years. 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 outdoor playground.

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.
Two staff haven't completed mandatory reporter training.

109.8(2): Ratio maintained in center as required by age.
The center was out of ratio at the time of opening. 21st Century staff are not a part of the Metro Kids program.

109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.
Some files were missing dental information.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

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