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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Metro Kids - Greenwood

Provider No.: 36562

Address: 316 37th St, Des Moines, IA, 50312

County: Polk

Director's Name: Linda Phillips

On-Site Supervisor: Kala McCaune

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HHS Visit Date: 11/24/2025

Licensing Period: 01/01/2026 to 01/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 09/07/2023

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [ ] Year-Round
- [X] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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Program Population Served:

- [ ] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [ ] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [X] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General			40	80	120
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

Metro Kids - Greenwood has offered child care services for school age children under Department of Education since 1987. In 2014 Metro Kids programs became licensed by DHS. The center provides after school sessions throughout the school year. The center uses the school's cafeteria and gym for programming. The school's playground is also used by the center. The center has a large closet where the majority of their supplies are stored. The school has secured entrances. Metro Kids uses it's own secured entrance. Linda Phillips is the director of this site. Kala McCaune is the on site supervisor.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were observed. Mandatory postings are posted by the cafeteria. The center has their schedule posted. A current lesson plan and a newsletter was posted.

Kala assisted with today's visit. There were six staff working today. There were sixty one children present today. Children ages 3rd - 5th grade were in the cafeteria. Children ages PreK - 2nd grade were in the gym. The center had interest areas set up in both program areas. Children were observed playing large motor games in the gym and some additional activities. Children were doing table activities and playing in the interest areas in the cafeteria. Staff were observed to be actively engaged with children throughout the visit.

The playground has blacktop area which has basketball hoops. There are spacious grassy areas. There is a climbing structure that has rubber tile for surfacing. The school maintains the playground. The center completes monthly playground checks.

The center provides afternoon snack. Menus reflect CACFP requirements are being met. The storage of the snacks are sufficient.

Metro Kids programs use Des Moines school buses for off site field trips.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center has a good amount of age appropriate toys and learning supplies for the children. The children are offered large motor play activities daily through the gym and playground.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

There were a few children's files that are missing dentist information.

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4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

NA

5. 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 melinda.larson@hhs.iowa.gov.) 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.

Date: 12/02/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

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