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

Name of Center: Metro Kids - River Woods **Enrollment:** 60 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 36575

Street: 2929 SE 22nd St **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50320 **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): Fatima Astudillo (acting) **E-Mail:** Kelsi.Stanley@dmschools.org

Date(s) of Visit: 06-16-2023

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:** 11-15-2021

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

Date Inspected: 08-19-2021

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				150	150
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 4

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:** 07-20-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Metro Kids - River Woods has been in operation for several years. This center offers child care for children who attend River Woods during the school year. During the summer, the center also offers child care for children who attend other Des Moines schools. The school has secured entrances. The child care uses it's own secured entrance. The center primarily uses the school's cafeteria and gym for programming space. The center also uses the playground for outdoor play. Kelsi Stanley is the director of the Metro Kids daycares. The acting on site supervisor is Fatima Astudillo. Fatima is the on site supervisor at South Union, which isn't open this summer.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to DHHS licensing were reviewed today. Mandatory postings are in place in the cafeteria. The schedule/lesson plan was also posted. This week's theme is "Space Week". The center has age appropriate supplies and toys in place.

Fatima was present and she was assisted with the visit. Twelve staff were working today. Fifty children were present at the time of today's visit. Children were observed on the playground. Today was a water play today so children were involved in a variety of water play activities.

The school's playground has basketball courts, has two large climbing structures. There are some concrete areas and some grassy fields. The school maintains the playground. The center completes monthly playground checks.

The center provides snack during regular programming. Breakfast and lunch is provide through Des Moines Public Schools. Snacks provided meet CACFP requirements. The storage of the snacks is sufficient.

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

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This center participates in QRS and has earned a four star rating. The center has a nice amount of play and learning materials for the children. Children are offered large motor play on a daily basis through the use of the playground and gym.

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

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

Staff files don't have this form.

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
One staff file doesn't have a current physical.

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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