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

Name of Center: Metro Kids - Jefferson **Enrollment:** 53 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 36567

Street: 2425 Watrous Ave **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50321 **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): Ana Loya **E-Mail:** Kelsi.Stanley@dmschools.org

Date(s) of Visit: 03-20-2023

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** X **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

New Application **Re-Application** X **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received **Yes** **No** X **NA** **Date Signed:**

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

Date Inspected: 09-29-2021

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: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General				110	110
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 5

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:** 04-26-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Metro Kids - Jefferson has been in operation for many years. The center provides before and after school child care for children who attend Jefferson Elementary. The school has secured entrances. This summer they are one of the Metro Kids sites that are providing summer programming. The center uses the gym and additional classrooms for programming space. The center also uses the playgrounds. Kelsi Stanley is the director of the Metro Kids Programs. Ana Loya is the on site supervisor and has been in this role since 2013.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place by the center's entrance. A schedule and lesson plan were available. Today was all day programming. Metro Kids supplies are kept in a closet in the cafeteria. The center has a nice supply of age appropriate supplies and toys.

Jennifer Young, a lead worker from Morris, assisted with today's visit. Four staff were working. Thirty three children were present at the time of the visit. Children were observed in the cafeteria and on the playground. Activities and games were set out on the tables and additional toy areas were set out in the cafeteria. Staff were interacting and supervising the children continuously during the visit.

The center provides snack during regular programming. During regional days and breaks, the center provides breakfast and snacks. There are some breakfast foods and snacks being served that are not in compliance with CACFP requirements. CACFP information has been sent to Kelsie Stanley. The storage of food is sufficient.

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

The center doesn't take field trips during the school year.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This center has a five star QRS rating. Ana has been an on site supervisor for several years. The center has spacious programming space with a nice amount of learning and play materials for the children being served. Children are offered large motor play on a daily basis through the use of the school's gym and playground.

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

109.9(1)b: All files contain:A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information.Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted.Copies of national criminal history check results.Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.
One staff had an expired SING check in their file and no current one online.
Two staff didn't have current federal record checks in their file or online.

109.9(1)e: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.
Two staff need Universal Precautions training.
One staff has First Aid/CPR training online but hasn't completed the skills portion of training so they are not certified.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

Complete and current administrative records continues to be an issue for Metro Kids. Staff files documentation being on site also continues to be an issue. This has been communicated to Metro Kids administration.

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