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

Name of Center: Metro Kids - Greenwood **Enrollment:** 69 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 36562

Street: 316 37th St **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50312 **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): Annie Woods **E-Mail:** Kelsi.Stanley@dmschools.org

Date(s) of Visit: 10-16-2023

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: 11-15-2021

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				120	120
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 5

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
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:** 11-02-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

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 center has a large closet where the majority of their supplies are stored. There are additional classrooms that the center also has access to. The school has secured entrances. Metro Kids uses it's own entrance. Kelsi Stanley is the director of this site. Annie Woods is the on site supervisor. She started in October 2022.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were observed. Mandatory postings are posted in the cafeteria. A schedule/lesson plan was posted. There is a supply closet in the cafeteria the center uses to keep their supplies. The

Annie assisted with today's visit. There were five additional staff working. Today was a regional day so there was all day programming. There were forty one children present at the beginning of the visit. Children were observed in the cafeteria. Interest centers were set up throughout the cafeteria. Children were playing individually and in small groups. Children were playing games and doing art activities at tables. Staff were observed to be playing games with the children and supporting the children with their activities.

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 center has a lot of outdoor play materials for children's use. The school maintains the playground. The center completes monthly playground checks.

The center provides afternoon snack. Menus reflect CACFP requirements are being met. Snack served today was cheese crackers and 100% juice. The storage of the snacks are sufficient. During all day programming, the center provides breakfast. Breakfast served today was a granola bar, fruit cup and milk. Children bring their own lunches.

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

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center participates in QRS and has achieved a five star rating, the highest rating in the quality rating system. The children are offered large motor play activities daily through the gym and playground. The center has a nice amount of play and learning materials.

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.
One staff had started employment in 2022 was overdue and hadn't completed some mandatory trainings.
This was discussed, who stated she and the staff were coming up with a plan to get the trainings completed.
One staff didn't complete mandatory trainings in the required time frame.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

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*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.