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

Name of Center: Metro Kids - Lovejoy **Enrollment:** 38 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 36568

Street: 801 E Kenyon AVE **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): Tamatha Jelinek **E-Mail:** Kelsi.Stanley@dmschools.org

Date(s) of Visit: 10-09-2023

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:** 12-28-2021

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

Date Inspected: 09-29-2022

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				150	150
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

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 - Lovejoy has offered child care services for school age children under Department of Education for many years. In 2014 the Metro Kids programs became licensed by DHS. The center uses the school's cafeteria/gym for programming space. The school has secured entrances. Kelsi Stanley is the administrative director of Metro Kids. Tamatha Jelinek is the on site supervisor.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were observed. Mandatory postings are in place in the cafeteria. The center had an expired license posted. This worker sent the center's current license for the center to post. A schedule/lesson plan was posted in the cafeteria. The center sets out toys, games, art materials and other age appropriate games and learning materials in the cafeteria. The center stores their supplies in closet in the cafeteria.

Tametha was present. She assisted with today's visit. There were four additional staff working today. Sixteen children were present at the time the visit started. Children were observed on the playground and in the cafeteria. Children were involved in individual and small group activities. Children were playing games and doing art work in the cafeteria. Staff were observed to be playing alongside the children and assisting the children with their activities.

The center serves snack after school. The center gets snacks from the school. The snack menu was reviewed today and showed compliance with CACFP requirements. Food storage is sufficient.

The school's playground is maintained by school staff. There are basketball hoops and an area of grass. There are some climbing structures. Rubber tile is in place surfacing material. 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:

Metro Kids has been in operation for many years. The center has a good amount of play materials for children's use. Children are offered large motor play activities through using the gym and playground.

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

109.6(6)d: Center repeats national criminal history checks at a minimum of every four years or when aware of additional history that occurs.
One staff didn't have a federal record check done at the time of hire.

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 didn't have a physical completed at time of hire.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

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