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

Name of Center: Metro Kids - Lovejoy **Enrollment:** 37 **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: 02-13-2025

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:** 11-08-2023

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

Date Inspected: 09-24-2024

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 01-01-2026 to 01-01-2028
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 02-20-2025

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. A schedule/lesson plan was posted in the cafeteria. The center sets out toys, games and other age appropriate games and learning materials in the cafeteria. The center keeps their supplies in a closet in the cafeteria.

Tametha assisted with today's visit. There were four staff working today. There were twenty eight children in attendance. Children were observed in the cafeteria. The center was having their Valentines party today. Children were making Valentines crafts, playing related games and also helping make their own Valentines treat bags. Staff were busy assisting children with the variety of activities going on today.

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

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.

Metro Kids uses school buses for off site field trips.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

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:

There were no licensing violations cited today.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

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