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

Name of Center: Metro Kids - McKinley **Enrollment:** 42 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 36569

Street: 1610 SE 6th St **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): Amanda Gomez **E-Mail:** Kelsi.Stanley@dmschools.org

Date(s) of Visit: 11-17-2023

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:** 12-29-2021

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

Date Inspected: 10-04-2021

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			20	100	120
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:** 12-04-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Metro Kids - McKinley has been in operation for many years. The center provides after school child care for children who attend school at McKinley Elementary School. The school has secured entrances. The center uses the school's gym and cafeteria for program space. The center also uses the school's playground. Kelsi Stanley is the director of Metro Kids programs. Amanda Gomez is the on site supervisor.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place in the cafeteria. The center had a daily schedule posted. The center keeps their supplies in storage and then staff sets up prior to programming. The center has many age appropriate supplies, toys and learning materials for children's use. Children's coats and backpacks are stored on a coat rack in the cafeteria.

Amanda Gomez was present and she assisted with today's visit. There were two additional staff working today. Thirty four children were present today. Children were observed during child directed activities, snack time and a large group activity of movie time. Staff played games with children and assisted children with their activities.

Metro Kids provides snacks. Today's snack was cheese sticks and 100% fruit juice. Storage is sufficient to prevent spoilage.

Metro Kids uses the school's playground areas. Des Moines School's staff maintain the playground. Metro Kids complete monthly playground checks.

Metro Kids doesn't provide transportation during the school year except during breaks. School buses are used for transportation for field trips.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center has a nice amount of play materials and furnishings for children's use. Children are able to use the gym and outdoor playground for large motor play.

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

There were no licensing violations cited during today's visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

This center has a full license.

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