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

Name of Center: Metro Kids - Stowe **Enrollment:** 40 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 38821

Street: 1411 E 33rd Street **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50317 **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): Megan Wicker **E-Mail:** Kelsi.Stanley@dmschools.org

Date(s) of Visit: 12-20-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

X **New Application** **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: 08-23-2021

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: 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:** 12-28-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Metro Kids - Stowe has been in operation since 2011. The center provides after school programming for children who attend Stowe and Garton Elementary. The center uses the school's cafeteria and gym for programming. The school's playground is also used for outdoor play activities. Kelsi Stanley is the director of this Metro Kids site as well as several other sites. Megan Wicker is the on site supervisor.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. The center closed temporarily due to enrollment numbers. The center opened in February 2023. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the center's entrance. The lesson plan and schedule were posted. A center newsletter was posted. The center has a room for office space and storage. The younger children's coats and backpacks are kept on a coat rack in the hallway. The older children's coats and backpacks are kept in the library.

An unannounced visit was completed. Megan was present and she assisted with today's visit. Four staff were working today. Twenty four children were present today. Children were observed in the cafeteria. These children were in Kindergarten - 2nd grade. Children were doing table activities and in interest areas set up within the room. Children were playing individually and in small groups. Staff were spread out in the room and were assisting the children with their activities.

The center serves snack during programming. The center gets snack from the school. Menus reflect CACFP requirements are being followed.

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

The center uses Des Moines School buses for off site field trips.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This center has spacious programming space for the children. There are a nice amount of play and learning materials for children being served. Children are offered large motor play on a daily basis through the use of the gym and playground.

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:

The center has a full license.

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