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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Metro Kids - Stowe

Provider No.: 38821

Address: 1411 E 33rd Street, Des Moines, IA, 50317

County: Polk

Director's Name: Linda Phillips

On-Site Supervisor: Megan Weatherman

Phone Number: 5152427951

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HHS Visit Date: 03/31/2026

Licensing Period: 01/01/2026 to 01/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 09/22/2025

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [ ] Year-Round
- [X] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday		2:30 PM to 5:30 PM	
Tuesday		2:30 PM to 5:30 PM	
Wednesday		2:30 PM to 5:30 PM	
Thursday		2:30 PM to 5:30 PM	
Friday		2:30 PM to 5:30 PM	
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

- [ ] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [ ] Toddler
- [ ] PreSchool
- [X] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General				120	120
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

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. Linda Phillips is the director of this Metro Kids site as well as several other sites. Megan Weatherman 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 at the entrance. The center had their schedule posted. A current lesson plan and monthly newsletter were also posted. The center has a spacious room that is their office and where they store toys and supplies. Children's coats and backpacks are kept on coat racks.

Megan assisted with today's visit. There were three staff working. There were thirty one children in attendance. The center has many interest areas and table activities set out in the cafeteria. Children were observed in the cafeteria and on the playground. Children were playing in small groups or individually in the cafeteria. Staff were positioned throughout the cafeteria and the playground, interacting and supervising the children throughout the visit.

The center serves snack during programming. The center gets snacks from Des Moines Schools. A snack menu was reviewed and showed compliance with CACFP.

The center uses the school's playground areas. There is rubber tile for surfacing. There is also black top and grass areas on the playground. The center completes monthly playground checks.

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

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

This center has spacious programming space for the children. The centers has a variety of activities in their program room for children to do during programming. Children are offered large motor play on a daily basis through the use of the gym and playground.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

There were no licensing violations cited today.

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

NA

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center has a full license.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone (515)362-7823: email melinda.larson@hhs.iowa.gov so that we can discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

*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.

Date: 04/20/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

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