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

Name of Center: Metro Kids - Morris **Enrollment:** 42 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 36571

Street: 1401 Geil 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): Jennifer Young **E-Mail:** Kelsi.Stanley@dmschools.org

Date(s) of Visit: 12-05-2022

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** X **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: 10-18-2022

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				125	125
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 01-01-2022 to 01-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 12-20-2022

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Metro Kids is the before and after school care program that has been offered through the school district for many years and operated under DE guidelines. In 2014 these school sites became licensed by DHS. The school has secured entrances. The center used the cafeteria and gym for programming space. The center also uses the playground. Kelsi Stanley is the administrative director of Metro Kids. Jennifer Young is the on site supervisor. Jennifer Young has worked for Metro Kids since 2007.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to DHS licensing rules were observed. Mandatory postings are in place in the cafeteria. A schedule and lesson plan are also posted. The center sets out interest centers, table toys, art materials and games throughout the cafeteria.

Jennifer and two additional staff members were working today. Forty two children were present today. Children were observed in the cafeteria and on the playground.
Children were involved in a variety of activities during the visit. They also had snack during the visit. Interest centers were set up throughout the cafeteria. Children were
doing arts and crafts, playing other games and table activities. Staff were spread out throughout the cafeteria and also on the playground. Staff were observed to be playing alongside the children and interacting continuously during the visit.

The center serves snack after school. Snack served today was graham crackers and milk. The menu reviewed today was compliant with CACFP requirements.

The school's playground is maintained by school staff. There are several climbing structures and basketball hoops. The center completes monthly playground checks.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center has spacious programming space. The children are offered large motor play daily. The center has a nice amount of play and learning materials for children's use.

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

109.7(1): All staff(within first 3 months of employment)Two hours of approved training FOR the mandatory reporting of child abuse.At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions and infectious disease control.Certification in American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health institute or MEDIC First Aid infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) OR equivalent certification approved by the department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Certification in infant, child, and adult first aid that uses a nationally recognized curriculum or is received from a nationally recognized training organization including the American Red Cross,American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute or MEDIC First Aid or an equivalent certification approved by the department.A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Minimum health and safety trainings, approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.
One staff hasn't completed the required trainings.

109.9(1)b: All files contain:A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information.Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted.Copies of national criminal history check results.Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.
One staff didn't have federal record checks completed in the required time frame.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

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