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

Name of Center: Metro Kids - Greenwood **Enrollment:** 68 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 36562

Street: 316 37th St **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50312 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 2100 Fleur Dr, Des Moines, IA, 50321

Director's Name: Linda Phillips **Phone Number:** 515-242-7951

On-Site Supervisor(s): Kala McCaune **E-Mail:** linda.phillips@dmschools.org

Date(s) of Visit: 12-12-2024

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:** 11-08-2023

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

Date Inspected: 09-07-2023

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 X 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			40	80	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:** 12-18-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Metro Kids - Greenwood has offered child care services for school age children under Department of Education since 1987. In 2014 Metro Kids programs became licensed by DHS. The center provides after school sessions throughout the school year. The center uses the school's cafeteria and gym for programming. The center has a large closet where the majority of their supplies are stored. There are additional classrooms that the center also has access to. The school has secured entrances. Metro Kids uses it's own entrance. Linda Phillips is the director of this site. Kala McCaune is the on site supervisor.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were observed. Mandatory postings are posted in the cafeteria. A schedule/lesson plan was posted. The center keeps their supplies, toys and furnishings in a closet in the cafeteria.

Kala assisted with today's visit. There were six staff working today. There were sixteen children, the school age group, present in the cafeteria. There were seven children, preschool age, in the gym. The center had interest areas set up in both program areas. Children were observed playing games, playing within the interest areas and doing table activities.

The playground has blacktop area which has basketball hoops. There are spacious grassy areas. There is a climbing structure that has rubber tile for surfacing. The school maintains the playground. The center completes monthly playground checks.

The center provides afternoon snack. Menus reflect CACFP requirements are being met. The storage of the snacks are sufficient.

Metro Kids programs use Des Moines school buses for off site field trips.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center has a good amount of age appropriate toys and learning supplies for the children. The children are offered large motor play activities daily through 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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