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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Metro Kids - Morris

Provider No.: 36571

Address: 1401 Geil Ave, Des Moines, IA, 50315

County: Polk

Director's Name: Kelsi Stanley

On-Site Supervisor: Jennifer Young

Phone Number: 5152427951

E-Mail: Kelsi.Stanley@dmschools.org

HHS Visit Date: 10/20/2025

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

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 09/23/2024

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

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Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General				125	125
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

Metro Kids has offered child care services for school age children under Department of Education for many years. 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 HHS licensing rules were observed. Mandatory postings are in place in the cafeteria. The center's schedule was posted. A current lesson plan was posted. The center keeps their supplies in a spacious closet in the cafeteria. The center sets out interest centers, table toys, art materials and games throughout the cafeteria. Children's belongings are kept in lockers.

Jennifer assisted with today's visit. Four staff were working today. There were forty seven children present. Children were observed in the cafeteria today. There were various table games and activities set out in the cafeteria for children to participate in. The center had age appropriate music playing during the visit. Staff were observed assisting and playing games with the children during the visit.

The center serves snack after school. The center gets the snacks from the school. The snack menu was posted. The menu showed compliance with CACFP requirements.

The school's playground is maintained by school staff. There are a few climbing structures and basketball hoops. There is rubber tile for fall surfacing. The center completes monthly playground checks.

Metro Kids uses Des Moines School buses for off site field trips.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

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The center's on site supervisor has been with Metro Kids for several years. 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.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

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

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 your HHS Licensing Consultant to discuss the issue. The child care director may also send a response which will be placed in the licensing file.

*Note: If you are a member of the general public, there may be additional information contained in the public file. You may contact the HHS Licensing Consultant to inquire.

Date: 10/21/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

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