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

Name of Center: Metro Kids - Capitol View **Enrollment:** 45 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 36560

Street: 320 E 16th St **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50316 **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): Megan Garza **E-Mail:** linda.phillips@dmschools.org

Date(s) of Visit: 10-10-2024

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:** 12-01-2023

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

Date Inspected: 07-24-2024

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			40	60	100
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:** 10-12-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Metro Kids - Capitol View has been in operation since 1987. The center provides child care services for children that attend this school. This summer, the center is providing programming for children that attend this school and children that attend near by schools. The school has secured entrances. The center uses the school's gym and cafeteria. The outdoor playground is used by the center. Linda Phillips is the director of this program. Megan Garza is the on site supervisor. Megan has been employed with Metro Kids since 2021.

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 schedule/lesson plan was available. A monthly newsletter was also posted. Children's backpacks and coats are kept in individual baskets.

An unannounced visit was completed. Megan was present and she assisted with today's visit. There were ten staff working today. Two additional on site supervisors were working at the center also. Today was a regional day so the center was open all day. Thirty children were present at the time of the visit. Children were divided into two groups: the yellow room was preschool through 2nd grade and the blue room was 3th grade through 5th grade. Ratio exceeded licensing requirements in both groups. Children were observed on the playground, in the gym and cafeteria. Toys and interest areas were set up in the cafeteria and in part of the gym.

The center uses the school playground. School staff maintain the playground. The center completes monthly playground checks.

The center provides snack after school. For all day programming, the center provides breakfast and snack. Children bring their own lunch for all day programming. The storage of the snacks is sufficient. Menus reflect breakfast and snacks meet CACFP requirements.

Metro Kids Programs use Des Moines School buses for transportation for field trips.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

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

*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 may 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.

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An administrative change is being made to move the licenses for all Metro Kids locations to 1-1-2020 to 1-1-2022

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