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

Name of Center: Metro Kids - Hubbell **Enrollment:** 60 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 36565

Street: 800 42nd 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): Katy Brandt **E-Mail:** linda.phillips@dmschools.org

Date(s) of Visit: 12-05-2024

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: 09-06-2023

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 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				150	150
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 - Hubbell has been in operation since 1994. This center provides child care for school age children who attend Hubbell Elementary. The school has a secured entrance that parents use for child care. This center primarily uses the school's cafeteria and gym for programming space. There are additional classrooms that are used for program space when the center is open during the summer. The center also uses the school's playground for outdoor play. Linda Phillips is the administrative director of this site, as well as several other Metro Kids sites. Katy Brandt is the on site supervisor. Katy has served in this role since 2010.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules and standards were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the entrance. The schedule is posted in the cafeteria. The center uses a small room inside the cafeteria for storage and office space.

Katy assisted with today's visit. There were seven staff working today. There were twenty seven children present at the time of the visit. Children were observed in the cafeteria and gym. Children were playing large motor play games. Interest areas and table activities were set out throughout the cafeteria. Children were playing games together, reading books and coloring.

The center provides snack during programming. Menus reflect the center is compliant with CACFP standards. Food is stored in a room outside of the gym. Food storage is sufficient. Snack served today was cheese crackers and milk.

The center uses the school's playground. There is fencing around the majority of the playground. There are climbing structures, different surfacing, The playground is maintained by the school. The center documents monthly playground checks.

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

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Metro Kids Programs have been in operation for many years, being licensed under the Department of Education prior to being licensed with DHS. Katy Brandt has been an employee with Metro Kids for several years. This center has spacious programming space. Children are offered large motor play on a daily basis through the use of the school gym and playground areas.

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.

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