Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Metro Kids - Hubbell

Provider No.: 36565

Address: 800 42nd St, Des Moines, IA, 50312

County: Polk

Director's Name: Linda Phillips

On-Site Supervisor: Katy Brandt

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HHS Visit Date: 11/24/2025

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

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 09/06/2023

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [ ] Year-Round
- [X] 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				150	150
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

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 center's daily schedule is posted. A current lesson plan and a newsletter is posted at the entrance. The center uses a small room inside the cafeteria for storage and office space.

Katy assisted with today's visit. Six staff were working today. There were fifty eight children in attendance at the beginning of programming. The number had decreased to twenty eight during the visit. Children were observed in the cafeteria. Children were observed playing in the interest areas. Table activities were also set out in the cafeteria. Children were reading, playing legos and playing games. Staff were playing alongside the children and providing age appropriate supervision throughout the visit.

The center provides snack during programming. The snack menu was reviewed and shows the center is compliant with CACFP standards. Food is stored in a room outside of the gym. Food storage is sufficient.

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.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

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.

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 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.

Date: 12/03/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson

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