Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Metro Kids - Greenwood

Provider No.: 36562

Address: 316 37th St, Des Moines, IA, 50312

County: Polk

Director's Name: Linda Phillips

On-Site Supervisor: Kala McCaune

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HHS Visit Date: 06/15/2026

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

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 09/07/2023

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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HOURS:	Year-round	School-Year	Summer Only
Sunday			
Monday		2:30 PM to 5:30 PM	
Tuesday		2:30 PM to 5:30 PM	
Wednesday		2:30 PM to 5:30 PM	
Thursday		2:30 PM to 5:30 PM	
Friday		2:30 PM to 5:30 PM	
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General			40	80	120
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

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 HHS. The center provides after school sessions throughout the school year and there are some years the school has summer programming .The center uses the school's cafeteria and gym for programming. Additional classrooms are used if the school has summer programming. The school's playground is also used by the center. The center has a large closet where the majority of their supplies are stored. The school has secured entrances. Metro Kids uses it's own secured 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 by the cafeteria. The center has their schedule posted. A current lesson plan and a newsletter was posted.

Summer programming was in session today. Madison Mittler, the lead staff from McKinley assisted with today's visit. The center has ninety children enrolled. There were fifty children present during today's visit. During summer programming, children are divided into three groups during a lot of the day: Yellow Room (PreK and Kindergarten), Red Room (1st and 2nd grade) and Blue Room (third through 5th grade). During today's visit, the children were combined and were in the cafeteria. Children were playing in the interest areas and were doing table activities. Staff were Children were doing table activities and playing in the interest areas in the cafeteria. Staff were spaced throughout the cafeteria. Interactions between the staff and children were observed to be positive.

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.

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The center provides afternoon snack during the school year and during the summer. Menus reflect CACFP requirements are being met. During the summer, this school is a meal site so breakfast and lunches are provided.

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

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Metro Kids does a good job of maintaining administrative records. The children are offered large motor play activities daily through the gym and playground.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.9(2)d: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.
A few children's files reviewed were missing dental and/or hospital information.

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.

Targeted Assessment: Behavior Management
I have discussed Metro Kids behavior guidance policy and the lead staffs' oversight of behavior management related to helping their staff. Lead staff have an understanding of the Metro Kids behavior guidance policy. Lead staff support their staff as they are not in ratio. Lead staff have meetings with parents when the needs arise to discuss problematic and unsafe behaviors. Children are suspended from programming at different time frames for unsafe and/or aggressive behaviors.

*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.

Date: 07/06/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

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