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

Name of Center: Metro Kids - South Union **Enrollment:** 27 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 36577

Street: 4201 S Union St **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50315 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 2100 Fleur Dr, Des Moines, IA, 50321

Director's Name: Kelsi Stanley **Phone Number:** 515-242-7951

On-Site Supervisor(s): Karissa Chavarria **E-Mail:** Kelsi.Stanley@dmschools.org

Date(s) of Visit: 11-01-2022

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:** 11-15-2021

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

Date Inspected: 10-12-2018

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				120	120
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 01-01-2022 to 01-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 11-16-2022

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Metro Kids - South Union has been in operation for many years. The center provides care child care services to children who attend this school. The school has secured entrances. The school's gym and cafeteria are used by Metro Kids for programming space. Kelsi Stanley is the director of the Metro Kids programs. Karissa Chavarria is the on site supervisor. She has been with Metro Kids for several years.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to DHS licensing rules and standards were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the entrance. A daily scheduled was posted. Karissa was present today and she assisted with the visit. Carissa and one additional staff member were working with the older group, children in grades 3rd through 5th grade. There were nine Metro Kids present. There was one Metro Kids staff working with the younger group, children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade. This school has 21st Century programming and there were children and 21st Century present also. These staff and children are not included in the previously stated numbers. Children were observed outdoors on the playground and in the cafeteria. In the cafeteria, different play areas were set up throughout the cafeteria. Children played with board games, table toys, art supplies and other age appropriate games.

The center provides after school snack during programming. Menus reflect the center is compliant with CACFP standards. Food storage is sufficient.

The center uses the school's playground. There are climbing structures, different surfacing, The playground is maintained by the school. The center hasn't completed monthly playground checks.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center has a nice amount of age appropriate supplies and toys. Children have the opportunity to engage in large motor play activities on a daily basis.

IV. IDENTIFY THE ASPECTS OF OPERATION THAT FALL BELOW THE STANDARDS REVIEWED:

109.6(6)c: Center repeats Iowa record checks at a minimum of every two years or when aware of additional child abuse or criminal history that occurs.
One staff's Iowa record check was overdue at the time of the visit.
Resolved

109.10(9): First aid kit: The center shall ensure that a clearly labeled first aid kit that is sufficient to address minor injury or trauma is available and accessible to staff at all times when children are:In the center.In the outdoor play area.On field trips.
Karissa did not have a first aid kit with available on the playground.

109.10(15)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year.
Several emergency drills were not documented/and or completed.

109.11(3)d: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.
Playground record checks haven't been completed.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The licensing violations were discussed with Karissa and Kelsi. The importance of emergency drills was discussed with Karissa and Kelsi.
Kelsi stated the concerns have been addressed.

*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 mlarson@dhs.state.ia.us) 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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*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.