

About The Children's Center

Free, safe and secure childcare for caregivers with business in the Dutchess County Family Court building. It's a fun, engaging environment for children ages 6 weeks through 12 years.

Hours & Location

Monday

1:30pm–5:00pm

Tuesday - Friday

9:30am–4:30pm

Lunch break (closure) 12:30pm–1:30pm

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Founded in 1879, Family Services brings people together to find the support they need, improving their lives and communities, and building a stronger, safer Hudson Valley. Our program areas include Behavioral Health Centers, Victim Services, Family Programs, Youth Services, Community Safety, and Prevention, as well as the management of the Family Partnership Center.

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The Children's Center is funded by the
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Family Programs

We are for **love**
for **growth**
for **safety**





Eligibility and fees

This service is free to all caregivers with courthouse business.

Registration is required. Please arrive at least 10 minutes ahead of your court appointment to complete an intake form. All information is confidential.

How you can help

Through donations from the community, we send each child home with a book of their choice.

If you would like to donate, please contact (845) 431-1854.

We accept donations of:

- Clothing (New or Gently Used)
- Books
- Toys
- Board Games
- Child-friendly DVDs
- Bottles/Sippy Cups (New)
- Classroom/Craft Materials

The Children's Center provides childcare for children and caregivers who are:

- Part of a Family Court case
- Filing petitions on the second floor
- Completing an evaluation

We also provide referrals to services in the community such as daycare, WIC, Medicaid, literacy programs, counseling, support programs, and further resources that may be useful to families.

Our goal is to help families feel supported.

Activities for children

The Children's Center engages children in ways that are fun and encourage development.

- Board games
- Drama play
- Reading
- Arts and crafts
- And more

All children are offered snacks and beverages.