

“This innovative program makes a positive difference each and every day...Because of CourtCare, children stay out of the fray while their parents appear in traffic court, small claims, family court and all types of criminal proceedings.”

– Judge Katherine Tennyson

“In a courthouse such as ours, which does not provide waiting rooms for victims and where prisoners in chains, criminal defendants who are out of custody, witnesses and children all share the same hallways, CourtCare has been crucial. To have a warm, friendly, safe place where small children can go and not be exposed to all of this is critical.”

– Judge Dale Koch

“My children did not have to watch Mommy and Daddy fight in court. CourtCare kept their ears closed to the situation.”

– Parent



“I most appreciate that it’s free and convenient. I could not find or afford a babysitter, and didn’t know anyone who could watch my child.”

– Parent

“I was able to be present in court without worrying about my little girls. I knew my children would be safe.”

– Parent



ABOUT MULTNOMAH COURT CARE

The Multnomah CourtCare program opened its doors in 2001. More than ten years earlier, the Multnomah Bar Association (MBA) had initiated a study by Portland State University of children in the courthouse. Finding that an average of 80 children under the age of 13 were in the court building every day, the MBA and Multnomah County Circuit Court judges set about working to establish a child care facility in the courthouse.

Today, CourtCare is the product of an ongoing collaborative effort by the MBA, the Multnomah County Circuit Court judges, the Department of Justice, Multnomah County, and the generosity of the legal community. The CourtCare facility is operated with the nurturing, developmentally-appropriate care provided by the Volunteers of America Oregon CourtCare staff.



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8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Monday through Friday

CourtCare Provides for Families

Located in Room #214 of the Multnomah County Courthouse, CourtCare operates from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm and accepts children ages 6 weeks to 5 years.

The program is available at no cost to parents who are doing business in the Multnomah County Courthouse, Federal Courthouse or Justice Center.

Children are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For reservations, please stop by Room #214 or call (503) 988-4334 for availability.

Parents, please note the following:

- We must have a courtroom number or location.
- You will need to pick up your child during your lunch break, as we do not provide lunch.
- You must remain in the buildings designated while your child is in care.

Court is No Place for Young Eyes & Ears

Every day in the Multnomah County Courthouse, small children play in the safety of CourtCare, instead of witnessing adult conflict and other troubling scenes. CourtCare exists because many adults have no child care options and would otherwise have to choose between keeping their child in the courtroom, where they may hear harsh words and see potentially disturbing events, or leaving their child unattended in the courthouse halls.



Volunteers of America Oregon, one of Portland's largest and most innovative social service organizations, manages the fully-staffed, state-certified, drop-in day care program. In addition, CourtCare provides a needed link to other social services within the community. The staff is ready and able to explain available resources.



Lend a Caring Hand to a Community-Wide Effort

More than 1,000 people give money to support CourtCare each year. The program is funded by the Multnomah Bar Association, Multnomah Bar Foundation, Multnomah County, the State of Oregon, local law offices, individual attorneys, judges and other members of the legal community.

To learn more about CourtCare, or to make a donation, please contact Multnomah Bar Foundation at (503) 222-3275 or www.mbabar.org.

