Every day throughout the courthouse stories of great sadness, anger and tragedy play out as victims describe their injuries, defendants are sentenced to prison and parents lose custody of their children. These are not the stories our children should ever have to hear. CourtCare provides a bright, friendly haven for small children while their parents are in court and the stories that will delight them.

– Judge Nan G. Waller

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

– Parent

“I couldn’t afford a babysitter and didn’t know anyone who could watch my children. I was able to be present in court without worrying about my little girls.”

– Parent

ABOUT MULTNOMAH COURT CARE

A study by Portland State University found that an average of 80 children under age 13 were in the court buildings on any given day. Because of this, the MBA and Multnomah County Circuit Court judges set about to establish a child care facility in the courthouse, and in 2001, CourtCare opened its doors.

Funded by lawyers, law firms and their staff, judges, Multnomah Bar Association, Multnomah Bar Foundation, Multnomah County, the State of Oregon and the U. S. District Court Attorney Admission Fund. The program is operated by Volunteers of America Oregon.

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MULTNOMAH COURT CARE

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Providing compassionate, free childcare for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years

Multnomah County Courthouse 1021 SW Fourth Avenue, Room #214

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

(503) 988-4334

East County Courthouse 18480 SE Stark
Mon 1 to 5 Wed. 8 to 5  (503) 810 9783
A Courtroom is No Place for Young Eyes and Ears

Court can be a traumatic experience for children, but at CourtCare, small children can play in a safe environment, instead of witnessing conflict and other troubling scenes. Parents without childcare options don’t have to choose between keeping their children in the courtroom or leaving them unattended in courthouse hallways. CourtCare provides enriching, age-appropriate activities, keeps children out of the fray, eases courtroom proceedings and enhances access to justice.

Information for Parents & Guardians

Location: Room #214 in the Multnomah County Courthouse
Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

East County Courthouse
Hours: Mon 1-5 Wed. 8-5

Ages: We accept children ages 6 weeks to 5 years, with capacity for six children at a time.

Cost: Free to parents who are doing business in the Multnomah County Courthouse, Federal Courthouse, or Justice Center.

Reservations are encouraged – to reserve a spot for your child, please stop by Room #214 or call (503) 988-4334.

Please Note:
- Parents and guardians must provide us with a courtroom number or location where you will be.
- Lunch is not provided. You will need to pick up your child during lunch break.
- You must remain in the designated building while your child is in our care.
- We provide links to other social services in the community – please ask the staff to explain available resources.

Lend a Hand

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