

About the Children's Waiting Room...

The first Children's Waiting Room was established in 1992 as a safe haven for children ages 2-1/2 to 14 who must accompany their parents to Court. Since opening, more than 27,000 children have spent time playing inside these rooms.

A dedicated staff member and team of volunteers supervise the children. Civic organizations, court staff and the courthouse cafeteria donated many toys, games and supplies.



If you or your organization would like to volunteer your services to this worthy cause, PLEASE CONTACT THE VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR AT:

(805) 289-8618

Volunteer days and hours are flexible.

LOCATIONS:

Ventura Superior Court
Hall of Justice
800 South Victoria Avenue
Room 306, Third Floor
Ventura, CA 93009
(Open Monday-Friday)

Juvenile & Probate Courthouse
4353 East Vineyard Avenue
Room 108, First Floor
Oxnard, CA 93036
(Open Tuesday-Thursday)

HOURS:

8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
1:15 p.m.— 5:00 p.m.
(Closed for lunch hour)



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**Superior Court
of California
County of Ventura**



Hall of Justice—Ventura

***Our Court is Here for
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The Children's Waiting Room is a free service designed for children who are participating in Family Court custody mediation, who are witnesses, or whose parents are conducting business with the Superior Court. Staffed by a Children's Center Specialist and other employees and volunteers, it provides a well-supervised, safe and stress-free environment for an average of 200 children each month. It also provides peace of mind for parents and guardians who have business at the Court, and helps minimize interruption of Court proceedings.

The Ventura Superior Court's Children's Waiting Room was first established in 1992, and has served as a model for similar rooms in courthouses around the State. A generous donation from the Ventura County Family Law Bar Association enabled a major refurbishment of the Room in 2014 including a new couch, chairs, and bean bags, along with TV monitors, DVD and gaming equipment and software, toys, games, puzzles, and crafts.

The Children's Waiting Room can accommodate between 8 and 10 children at one time depending on staffing, and children are accepted as space becomes available. Priority is given to children participating in custody mediation and who are witnesses.



Juvenile and Probate Courthouse

REQUIREMENTS

- The Parent or Guardian bringing the child must complete a registration form before the child is admitted
- Children 2 ½ years old (and toilet trained without diapers or pull-ups) through age 14 are admitted.....**no exceptions**

- Children should eat and use the restroom before they are brought to the room
- Children who have or demonstrate symptoms of an illness or lice will not be admitted
- If children exhibit excessive emotional or behavioral problems, the person registering them will be required to take them out of the room
- The person who brought and registered the child must be the one who picks up the child unless a different person is designated at the time of registration
- Anyone who picks up a child must show a valid photo ID
- Parents or guardians must not leave the Courthouse without their children — children must be picked up as soon as their business or the parents/guardians business with the Court is completed
- Only children are allowed in the room -parents, guardians or others are not permitted