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## **Grand Opening: New Children’s Waiting Room Opens at Family Justice Center Courthouse in San Jose**

**SAN JOSE, CA (April 23, 2025):** The Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, in partnership with Catalyst Community, is proud to announce the grand opening of a new Children’s Waiting Room at the Family Justice Center Courthouse (FJCC) in San Jose. The facility officially opened its doors on Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

This free, first-come, first-served service offers a safe, engaging, and developmentally appropriate space for children while parents and caregivers attend to court business at the same courthouse. Open Monday through Friday from 8:15 AM to 4:45 PM (closed daily from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM for lunch), the waiting room is designed for children ages 2 to 12 who are in good health and fully potty-trained.

“Our children’s room is filled with toys, games, and art activities to ensure that kids feel safe, supported, and occupied while their families handle often challenging legal matters,” said Presiding Judge Julie Emede. “We’re honored to offer this service in partnership with Catalyst Community to support families in Santa Clara County.”

The Children's Waiting Room is staffed by trained childcare professionals and follows a strict registration and safety protocol. Each child and adult receive matching wristbands at drop-off, and children are only released to the authorized adult wearing the corresponding band. The room may be used for a maximum of 4 hours per day, up to 3 times per week, and no more than 12 hours per week.

This new resource reflects a continued commitment by the Santa Clara County Superior Court to reduce barriers for families accessing justice. For up-to-date information, visit:

<https://santaclara.courts.ca.gov/CWR>.

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