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Fresno County Superior Court Re-Opens Children's Waiting Rooms

When: Monday, January 4, 2010

Where: 1. Olmos Room, Main Courthouse Lobby, 1100 Van Ness Avenue
2. Children's Waiting Room, Juvenile Justice Campus, 3333 E. American Avenue
3. Children's Waiting Room, Dependency Court, 1255 Fulton Mall

Background

The Mario Olmos Children's Waiting Room was the dream of the late Superior Court Judge Mario G. Olmos who believed that there should be a safe, nurturing and protective environment for young children to wait while parents conducted court business. The room was first opened in 1995 and in July of 2009 the Fresno County Superior Court closed all of the Children's Waiting Rooms after the YMCA cancelled its contract due to its fiscal difficulties. The Court began the process of securing a new provider and has contracted with Central Valley Children's Services Network, who will operate the rooms. The purpose of the Children's Waiting Rooms is to provide a safe, supervised environment for the children of clients conducting business at the Fresno County Superior Court.

Room Information

The room is available for children 6 months and older. Children 13 years of age and older may use the room to assist with watching younger siblings, or as approved by the Site Aide. The waiting rooms will be open 8:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., closing for the lunch hour between noon and 1:00 p.m. There is no charge to use the rooms.

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