

Catalyst Community offers unique children's waiting rooms with activities and qualified staff to keep your child(ren) engaged while you are conducting court business on site. We have games, toys, art and more!

Who can attend?

Children Ages 2 ½ to 16 years old

We welcome children 2 ½ years to 16 years of age to the Children's Chambers. Children must be fully potty-trained and able to use the restroom without assistance from our teachers. Children wearing pull-ups or diapers are not considered fully potty-trained. A child who is not fully potty-trained or under 2 ½ years may attend, however a responsible adult (parent/guardian/caregiver) must stay in the room with the child(ren) and take full responsibility for the child.

Sorry, no sick children

We cannot accept sick children due to concerns for health and safety of our staff and other children. No sick children will be admitted. The responsible adult will be contacted to pickup a child immediately if our staff determine a child is sick after drop-off.

How does it work?

Referral Slip

A completed and valid referral slip from a court official, bailiff, or authorized court representative is required to bring any child to the Children's Chambers.

Drop-off and Pickup

A responsible adult (parent/guardian/caregiver) must accompany the child to drop off at the Children's Chamber. The responsible adult is required to complete a New Child/New Family Registration Agreement for any children attending for the first time within the last 12 months. The responsible adult will be required to show identification upon request.

Each responsible adult and child will receive matching wristbands during drop-off. A child will only be released at pickup to the responsible adult wearing the matching wristband and confirmed identification. No exceptions are available except as direct by a Court Judge or designated authorized court representative.

Stay on Site

Children's Chambers staff need to be aware of your location at all time. The responsible adult must inform staff of department changes and stay inside the court facility **at all times** while children are in the Children's Chamber.

Mutual Respect & Courtesy

Our dedicated team of childcare professionals care deeply for children visiting Children's Chambers. We ask that children and parents/guardians/caregivers demonstrate respect and courtesy. No inappropriate language or abusive behavior will be tolerated of any kind, and our staff will immediately contact OC Sheriff's Deputies on site for necessary incidents.

Hours of Operation

8am to 5pm*

See the specific court location schedule for exact times. Most rooms are open from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. North Justice Center and Community Court are closed for 1 hour during a lunch recess.

Pickup on time

The responsible adult must pick up children no later than the posted closing time of 5:00 PM. The Sheriff's Department will be contacted to take children into protective custody, if the child is not pickup on time.