



ENRICHING THE COMMUNITY

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The Courthouse Children's Center at Broome County Family Court

2016 marks an important milestone for the Courthouse Children's Center! In September, we will be celebrating 15 years of providing free drop-in child care to thousands of children (around 1200 a year) whose grown-ups had Family or Drug Court business to attend to. The center has and will continue to provide a safe, warm, and inviting place for children to play and learn away from any of the high emotions that can be displayed in the Family Court waiting room. The Family Enrichment Network staff strive to make every child feel welcome, especially those little ones who have never been away from a parent before.

Each month the curriculum is changed and different activities related to that month's theme are offered. Favorite themes have included: Beaches, Butterflies, and Construction. Fun activities have included: pineapple bowling with a coconut ball, fishing in the sensory/water table, playing with sea-sparkly, tropical-scented play dough & sea creature cookie cutters, butterfly painting with dabs of paint, worm painting with yarn, making a construction worker's vest from a paper grocery bag, painting with small trucks (paint on the wheels making patterns on the paper) and digging in the dirt in the sensory table.

Each child using the Center is given a book and a fun take-home activity and community information and resources are given to each parent. The Center is open during regular family court hours except for Friday afternoon.

**If you have any questions about the Courthouse Children's Center,
please contact the Center staff at (607) 240-5818.**

