

# Children's Waiting Room Fund Balance Cap Adjustments

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# Children's Waiting Rooms

- Provide safe, supervised area for children
- Allow parents/guardians to conduct court business
- Reduce barriers to court participation
- Support access to justice for families



# Government Code Section 70640

- Statute authorizes revenues from filing fees
- Revenue used to establish/operate rooms
- Costs: staff, rent, utilities, furnishings, and supplies
- 17 courts receive filing fee distributions

# Judicial Council Policy

- Establishes fund balance cap
- Requires biennial reporting (every odd year)
- Requires return of funds over cap
- Allows courts to request cap increase

# Judicial Officer Perspective

- Enhances children's safety
- Promotes access to justice
- Upholds core responsibilities of justice system



# Superior Court of Los Angeles County

## Children's Waiting Room



**Noah's Place**

**THE CHILDREN'S WAITING ROOM IS OPEN!**

A place where children can play games, learn and do art activities while parents/guardians conduct business at the courthouse. Children are accepted on a first-come first-served basis and services are offered at no cost.

- ✓ A supervised play environment for children between the ages of 0 to 13.
- ✓ Light snacks and water will be provided.
- ✓ Children must be toilet trained.

**Contact us at:**  
213-682-0748  
Stanley Mosk Courthouse  
Room # 200

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Monday to Friday: 8am-4:30pm  
Closed for lunch: 12pm-1pm

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# Children's Waiting Room

## Superior Court of San Francisco County



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Sacramento County**



**Superior Court of  
San Mateo County**







## Superior Court of Santa Clara County New Children's Waiting Room

# Court Administrator Perspective

- Improves court efficiency
- Minimizes distractions
- Fosters greater trust and cooperation
- Models community responsibility

# Recommendations

- Reduce \$1.7 million for 9 courts
- Funds over cap returned to Trial Court Trust Fund
- Increase cap \$5.2 million for 5 courts

# Questions?