EAC Network is a not-for-profit human service agency with 70+ programs throughout Long Island and the New York metro area and has been providing human service programs in the fields of aging, youth, families, education, and criminal justice since 1969. Last year EAC Network helped over 82,000 people.

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Parent Feedback:
“I appreciate this service more than you know. It has provided a way for me to have my mind at rest, knowing my child is well-cared for. The staff made the transition to the center easy.” - C.B.
A safe, supervised and nurturing alternative to crowded courtrooms and waiting areas.

What is the Suffolk County Children’s Center?

EAC Network’s Suffolk County Children’s Center at Cohalan Court offers an alternative to crowded courtrooms and waiting areas and enables parents with young children to attend to their court business.

The Children’s Center is a safe, secure, and nurturing environment for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years. All are cared for by trained, professional childcare providers and volunteers.

While at the center the children are engaged in supervised free play, arts and crafts, age appropriate computer games, access to a library of children’s books and also receive healthy snacks. Our staff promotes literacy by giving a new book to each child who attends the center and encouraging parents to read to their children.

Is there a fee for services?
There is no fee to participate in the program. This program is funded by the Suffolk County Legislature, the NYS Unified Court System, and private donations.

Where is the Children’s Center located?

Cohalan Court Complex
400 Carleton Avenue, Room A236
(second floor by the café)
Central Islip, NY 11722

When is the Center open?
The Children’s Center is open Monday through Friday from 9AM-12:40PM and 2PM-4:40PM ensuring quality drop-in child care in a safe, supervised and creative environment. Caregivers pick up their children when they have completed their business in court. Staff will only release children to the individual that signs them in, unless court ordered. Photo identification is required for the emergency contact person.

Are there any additional services provided?
Yes, community resources that would benefit families are identified, and staff is able to provide families with help in learning about and accessing essential services and programs such as:

- child support information
- visitation information
- counseling programs
- day care/pre-school information
- Early Intervention programs
- domestic violence information
- health insurance
- WIC information