



## Family Reception Center

*Strafford County*

*Department of Corrections*



### Mission Statement

The **Family Reception Center** will strive to provide a comfortable, trusting, and supportive environment where inmates' families and friends may come before and/or after visits to receive validation, support, and resources that may lessen the negative impact experienced through incarceration.

## Family Reception Center Goals

- ◆ To provide a setting where people experiencing incarceration of a loved one may come to receive support from others, some of whom are experiencing or who have experienced the same situations.
- ◆ To provide a more positive and comfortable setting for children wishing to visit.
- ◆ To provide caring and knowledgeable persons and relevant materials that may provide families and loved ones with helpful information and resources to improve the situation families face through incarceration of their loved ones.



**An inviting place to sit  
and have refreshments**



*The FRC offers a fun playroom area for children to play in and read. We also host special activities such as Easter baskets, Christmas Party (complete with Santa and presents!), coloring contests, and stuffed animals for children to take on their first visit to the facility.*

*We provide helpful information to families through handbooks and brochures. We also have information available on different agencies in the area that provide needed services to families.*



**Many handbooks and other information available**



Our Family Reception Center is staffed solely through the efforts of our volunteers, for whom we are most grateful.

We are always happy to accept new volunteers as well as donations. Some items that we use are: stuffed animals, juice boxes, bottled water, coffee, soda, and cookies.

If you would like to volunteer, applications are available on our website, [www.co.strafford.nh.us/jail](http://www.co.strafford.nh.us/jail)

Click on the link called "Family Reception Center".

If you would like further information or to make a donation, please see the contact information below.

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