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A Family Gem In Lakewood

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Last year after living in Lakewood for 7 years, I found the best hidden gem in Lakewood: Lakewood Family Room. My daughter Cecilia was about 15 months when I walked through the Family Room doors. There I found a whole new community. I found mothers, fathers, nannies, grandmothers, and grandfathers all gathered around talking with each other and interacting with the children. I saw children laughing and playing with one another. They shared the vast amount of toys and books. Some children were sitting at the long table investigating the different learning stations (stringing beads onto a pipe cleaner, finger painting, etc), which is part of the Learn Through Play Program.

Like any newcomer, I was nervous

at first but as time went by I began to realize that this place was becoming my second home. It has been a great support system for me as a new mother. I have met wonderful people at the Family Room and I enjoy seeing them when I am out and about in Lakewood.

If you have a child or children from birth to five years old, please stop by the Lakewood Family Room (17400 Northwood Avenue or 12400 Madison Avenue) and check this gem out. I guarantee you that you will not be disappointed.

Check out the website for more information:

[http://onelakewood.com/
HumanServices/EarlyChildhood/
DropIns.aspx](http://onelakewood.com/HumanServices/EarlyChildhood/DropIns.aspx)