

HUMAN SERVICES

# Child Care for City Employees

Joy Picus Child Center, a Human Services Dept.-sanctioned provider, is accepting new placements of children.

Story and photo courtesy Lauren Skinner, Public Works

The Joy Picus Child Development Center in City Hall South has current vacancies for placements of children. (Some might know the center as the City Hall Day Care Center.) The facility provides daycare and nursing school services.

Access to the center is one of many benefits to City employees. Community families are accepted as well.

The center is privately run under contract to Human Services, the new City department formed this year by the merging of several commissions, including the Commission on Children and Families.

Joy Picus was a City Councilwoman. Information: 111 E. First St., Los Angeles, CA 90012. (213) 346-9777.



The playground at the Joy Picus Child Center in City Hall South.

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East Valley Care Center	14409 Vanowen Street	Van Nuys, CA 91405
Harbor Care Center	957 N. Gaffney Street	San Pedro, CA 90731
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West LA Care Center	11561 W. Pico Blvd	Los Angeles, CA 90064
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## Newsbriefs

### PET VIDEOS:

Animal Services is pleased to announce a new Website feature to assist potential adopters shopping the site in search of the perfect pet. With the generous help of volunteers, the department now has videos of selected adoptable pets.

Response to the video presentation of pets has been outstanding. To date, the first set of pets featured in videos at North Central Animal Care Center have all been adopted. Ludacris, a male Labrador mix who had been at the center for more than 90 days, was adopted shortly after the video hit the Website. Staff credits the video as his ticket home.

Robert Cabral, director of Bound Angels, initiated the concept and has already produced video of more than a dozen pets at the North Central Animal Care Center. "In these videos, the pets are suddenly stars," he says. "We strive to show the animals' overall personality and infuse that with a little story that is fun to watch. My goal is to get people into the shelters and make the shelter the first place people think of when it comes to getting a new pet."

Given the success of the videos at the North Central Animal Care Center, the other five remaining centers are working to recruit and train volunteers to produce the video pet features. The video cameras used to film the pets were donated to the centers to assist promoting adoptions.

"We are very grateful to Robert Cabral for his time, talent and energies spent to create these amazing videos of our pets," said Kathy Davis, Interim General Manager, Animal Services. "It provides our dogs and cats with a great opportunity to show off in front of the camera and reach into someone's heart via the Internet.

"We know this format will greatly impact the lives of our pets and their new adopter. Just ask Ludacris."

The pet videos can be found at [www.laanimalservices.com](http://www.laanimalservices.com). Under "Pet Information," click on "Videos of Pets," or look for the video icon on the page for an animal care center.