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**Family Services' Baby Boutique to Open at New Location on April 11**  
*Store lets homeless parents shop for their kids at no cost — a vital resource for local homeless families*

Seattle, WA — On Tuesday, April 11th, Family Services Baby Boutique will open in a new location at the Denny Center at Denny and Virginia. The Baby Boutique is an invaluable resource for local homeless families — a free store where homeless families can get clothing, diapers, shoes, equipment and toys for their children at no cost to them.

The new location sits on the edge of the downtown Ride Free zone; several other Family Services programs that serve the homeless population are housed in the same facility at that location. The Baby Boutique had been located in the Belltown area of downtown Seattle since opening in 1995.

“With the demolition of our old location at hand, we are glad to move in to another excellent location for both our clients and supporters from the community. We’re adjacent to Metro’s Free Ride Zone and have other Agency programs right next door so that clients can access support without bouncing around all over downtown Seattle trying to find the appropriate service,” said Ruthann Howell, Family Services CEO/President. “

In 2005, more than 900 families shopped at the Baby Boutique, receiving essential items for nearly 2,000 local homeless children. Approximately 40,000 diapers were provided to area families. Currently over 100 local agencies refer their clients to the Baby Boutique.

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**Family Services of King County**

Part of the Seattle community since 1892, Family Services has been making a difference in people’s lives for 114 years. Family Services provides Family Stabilization, Community Violence Prevention and Mental Health Counseling programs that strengthen both families and the larger community. The mission of Family Services is to build emotionally healthy, self-sufficient families and a non-violent community in which they can thrive. Last year over 8,000 King County residents accessed Family Services programs.