L.O.F.T.
LIFTING OUR FAMILIES TOGETHER
FAMILY ENRICHMENT CENTER

Purpose

L.O.F.T. (Lifting Our Families Together) Family Enrichment Center (FEC) serves Manhattan's Lower East Side and Chinatown community through free resources and program "offerings" that promote family well-being. Family Enrichment Centers are community-driven spaces where families co-design and benefit from free activities and programs. One of 30 Family Enrichment Centers across New York City, L.O.F.T. FEC opened in the Fall of 2025.

Strategy

Everything about each FEC - including the name, the physical layout, and the offerings provided - is co-designed with families and community members. FEC participation is voluntary, free, and open to all community members. FECs do not offer case management services but may help individuals and families connect with support, if requested. FECs do not require any screenings and families are not required to disclose personal identifying information to visit or participate in offerings.

L.O.F.T. FEC partners with families, schools, tenant associations, local leaders, and faith-based and service organizations to strengthen community supports. FECs prioritize healthy child and family welfare supports using five protective factors – parental resilience, social connection, access to concrete needs, knowledge of parenting and child development, and social and emotional competence of children.

Offerings and Engagements

- Parent Cafes
- Clothing Boutiques
- Fatherhood Gatherings
- Parent Advisory Council
- Health Workshops
- Financial Workshops
- Community Interests
- Family Game Times
- Comic Book Workshops
- Jewelry Workshops
- Movies
- Toddler Time
- Reading Initiatives
- Arts and Crafts

Staffing (6)

Full-time Director
Full-time Family Advocate
2 Part-time Family Advocates
2 Community Liaisons

Schedule/Work Hours

L.O.F.T. FEC opens weekdays with a floating schedule of **9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** or **Noon to 8:00 p.m.**

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