

The Village Desk Launches as a Vital Third Space for Parents in Novi

New 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Rebuilds Community Infrastructure by Pairing Co-Working, On-Site Child Watch, and Local Business Partnerships

NOVI, MI, UNITED STATES, August 21, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Today's generation of parents was never meant to raise children in isolation, yet millions of caregivers face burnout, loneliness, and mental health challenges every day. Addressing this critical social gap, [The Village Desk](#), a newly established 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is officially launching its integrated family resource network and workspace hub in Novi, Michigan.

Designed specifically as a third space—a welcoming sanctuary outside of home and the traditional office—The Village Desk provides parents with a dedicated place to land, exhale, and find their footing. The facility pairs peer-led support groups, social clubs, mental wellness resources, and professional workspace infrastructure with reliable on-site child watch.

Unlike traditional [co-working](#) venues or isolated [play centers](#), The Village Desk operates on a "parent-first" philosophy. It functions as an intentional community room where caregivers can focus at quiet workstations, tackle personal tasks, or simply take a mental break, while their children engage in safe play steps away. Beyond day-to-day productivity, the center actively combats the isolation felt by this generation of



Child's space at The Village Desk in Novi



Preview of working spaces at The Village Desk in Novi, MI

parents by hosting specialized support circles, skill-building workshops, and social gatherings.

"When you are pregnant, carrying a newborn, or navigating the early years of parenthood, your mental health and sense of identity often take a backseat," said Kate Lauderbaugh, Co-Founder and Executive Director of The Village Desk. "Parents desperately need a third space—a physical environment where you don't have to choose between taking care of your family, your mental well-being, or your career."

"Finding myself as the primary parent opened my eyes to how lonely raising kids can feel, especially as traditional dad roles continue to evolve," added Pete Lauderbaugh, Co-Founder of The Village Desk. "We built The Village Desk so parents don't have to navigate this season in a silo."

How The Village Desk Works: An Integrated Workspace

The Village Desk is an integrated workspace and community space. It is not designed to replace full-time childcare, but rather to complement a parent's schedule by providing a dedicated environment to work or recharge with their child nearby.

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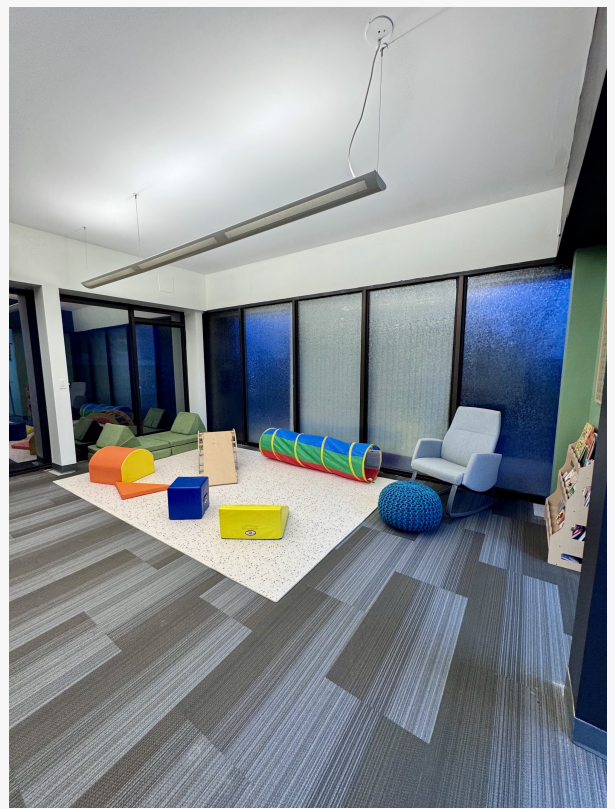
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- Check In Together: Parents and children arrive together, with little ones getting settled into the supervised Child Watch area.
- Stay On-Site: Caregivers head just down the hall to focus at workstations, take calls, or join a support meetup, remaining on-premises for the entire visit.
- Stay Hands-On: While staff provides safe play, parents remain responsible for personal care needs. If a child needs a diaper change, feeding, or one-on-one soothing, staff promptly notify the parent to step in.

By strengthening families at their core, The Village Desk also contributes to Novi's. broader resilience. The non-

profit actively collaborates with nearby small businesses, wellness practitioners, and municipal networks to create a supportive ecosystem that keeps local parents engaged, empowered, and



Mixed use space at The Village Desk in Novi, MI

connected to the city around them.

As a non-profit organization, The Village Desk is committed to keeping its resources accessible to all families. While flexible co-working memberships, Day Passes, and PM passes support daily operations, many of the organization's primary support groups—such as its monthly Pregnant & Fourth Trimester + Babies Meetup—are offered 100% free of charge.

To learn more about workspace drop-in hours, partnership opportunities, or how to support The Village Desk's non-profit mission, visit www.thevillagedesk.org or follow @TheVillageDesk on social media.

About The Village Desk

The Village Desk is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in Novi, Michigan, dedicated to building vibrant, supportive third spaces for this generation of parents. By combining flexible co-working, on-site child watch, and community-driven partnerships, The Village Desk rebuilds the social and emotional infrastructure local parents need to thrive.

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