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The Gateway Child Care Center is undergoing repairs for water damage to the first floor.

Gateway Child Care Center Repairs Underway

- Board Overflow Room doubles as temporary classroom for 30 children

(March 19, 2009) Children from the Gateway Child Care Center were relocated Friday after water damage caused partial flooding, closing the first floor.

The first floor has been closed to ensure safety of all children and teachers. Children are now on the center's second floor and the Board Overflow Room while repairs are under way.

Younger children have been taking classes on the second floor at the center, while older ones have been at a conference room at Gateway Plaza.

Ninety-four children are part-time and full time at the center, but lately the numbers have been lower than that. About 50 of the younger children, three months to three years old, are on the second floor, while 30 of the older ones, 4- and 5-year-olds, are in the Board Overflow Room.

General Services staff are working quickly with all appropriate parties to conduct repairs. Parents are being briefed on a regular basis.

Human Resources Analyst Mary Nugent, of Standards & Employee Programs, said it appears likely that there will be a partial opening of the facility Tuesday. -- from Rich Martin

