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LO's Gymboree wins family-friendly award

Gymboree Play Programs of Lake Oswego was among nine Portland-area companies honored last week at the annual Families in Good Company awards celebration presented by PGE. Companies ranging from six employees to nearly 2,000 were honored for everything from positive advertising to on-site child care.

Gymboree, which employs 25 people, won in the medium company division.

"Our program," said Mark Hanscom, Gymboree president, "promotes a

joyful parent-child relationship that emphasizes fun. It's only fitting that our employment practices do the same."

Employees can leave their children in on-site child care for \$1 per hour. Staff can work flexible schedules, bring their children to work, or work at home to balance the needs of family and work. Staff meetings include child care with games, activities and snacks.

Gymboree in Lake Oswego meets at United Church of Christ, 1111 Country Club Road.