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Jennie Knauff Children's Center



JENNIE KNAUFF CHILDREN'S CENTER

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Located in the old Italianate baroque Paradise Theater complex, designed by John Eberson in 1929, this project is The Association for the Help of Retarded Children's first venture into providing preschool facilities for medically fragile children.

As architects, our primary concern was to create a sustaining environment offering as many spatial and sensory experiences possible. Although the budget was minimal, we were able to introduce real spatial variety into the 8,000 square foot facility by means of varying room heights.

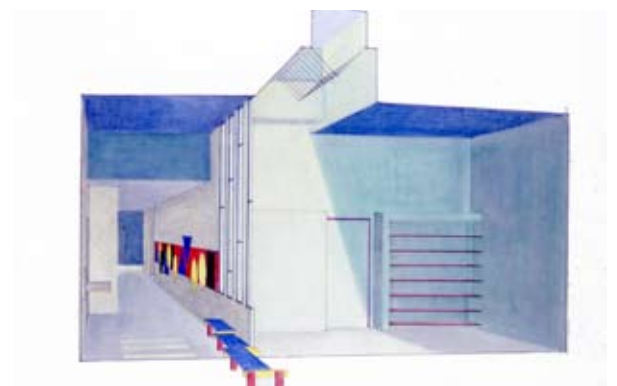
Natural light also flows in formerly dark areas through the judicious placement of skylights and interior windows that usher in light at key circulation and meeting points.

The elevator was extended up to the roof to provide access for a new garden and playdeck.

The usual gypsum board and vinyl tile materials were enlivened by a palette of deep and vibrant colors.



Corridor perspective

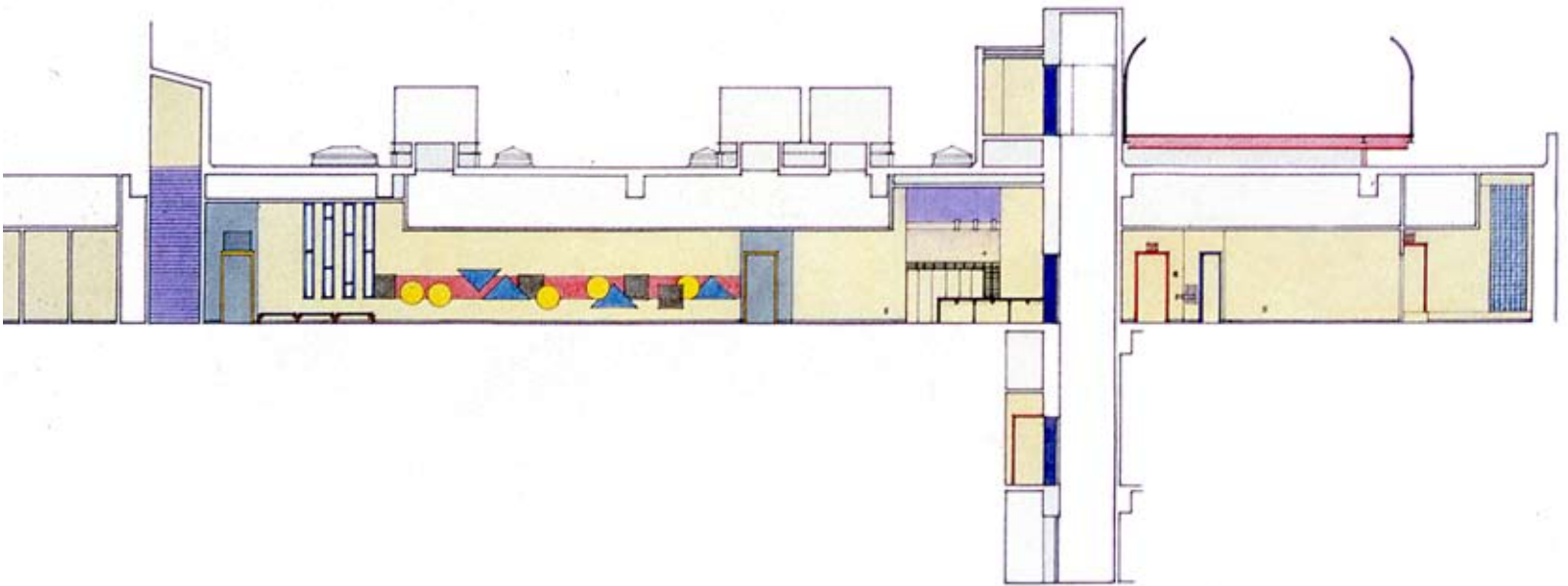


Skylight perspective



Building lobby

Top: Design section
 Bottom left: Circulation
 Bottom right: Building interior





Skylight on building interior

