

# Publications



## **Increasing U.S. Children and Families' Understanding of Asian Cultures: A Final Report**

In 2004, seven traveling exhibitions, each depicting an Asian culture (Chinese, Hmong, Japanese, Korean and Viet Nameese), began a four-year tour of the United States that was funded by The Freeman Foundation and administered by the Association of Children's Museums. The Final Report, written by Selinda Research Associates, Inc., describes how children learned about unfamiliar Asian cultures through a variety of developmentally appropriate interactive engagements, and provides recommendations regarding the development of future cultural exhibitions. A PDF version of the 200-page publication is available for individuals and organizations.

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## **2008 Children's Museums Metrics Reports**

Based primarily on data reported Fall 2007 by 232 ACM member museums, the complete 102-page report includes charts and graphs and a comprehensive table of data. Tony Casilio, founder of AWP Research, provided metric analysis for this publication. The *2008 Children's Museums Metrics Reports* are packaged as six individual PDF volumes. These volumes are available for ACM members to download for free on the Members Only Web site.

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## **Kids Dig Dirt! Green Paper**

A product of a dynamic planning project funded by the Civil Society Institute, *Kids Dig Dirt! Green Paper* explores the ways that children's museums can connect children to nature through outdoor play. The *Green Paper* provides the vision as well as guiding principles and resources for developing outdoor environments in children's museums. Click "Resources & Research" to download a free PDF of *Kids Dig Dirt Green Paper* at [www.ChildrensMuseums.org/Programs/Health](http://www.ChildrensMuseums.org/Programs/Health). Limited print copies available.

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## **Compensation & Benefits Survey 2006**

This Survey provides a comprehensive review of compensation, benefits and workforce issues in U.S. children's museums including information about executive director profiles and compensation.

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## **Collective Vision: Starting and Sustaining a Children's Museum**

A comprehensive guide for new and existing institutions, this resource guide is a 337-page compilation that addresses children's museum philosophy, audience and mission, governance, educational theory, exhibits, programs, planning, fundraising, marketing and much more.

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## **Capturing the Vision**

*Capturing the Vision* is the visual companion volume to *Collective Vision*, illustrating in its pages and CD-ROM the children's museum field as it exists today. It offers best practice models for consideration in the planning of new institutions or renovating existing museums.

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## **The Case for Children's Museums**

*The Case for Children's Museums* is a marketing resource tool that includes a collection of facts, testimonials and descriptive language, which museums can draw from to create their own case statement, proposal, volunteer training manual, board orientation document or other organization materials. A detailed source list is included. A PDF version of *The Case for Children's Museums* is available for ACM members to download for free on the Members Only Web site. Limited print copies available.

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### **The Case for Children's Museums PowerPoint Presentation**

The CD PowerPoint presentation consists of 10 slides with animated slide transitions, 25 images from children's museums, plus additional graphics and an accompanying script. The presentation is yours to use as is or to customize.

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### **The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learner Symposium Report**

The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learner Symposium Report is a collection of discussions and keynote addresses from respected scholars including Dr Alison Gopnik, Dr. T. Berry Brazelton and Drs. Roberta Golinkoff and Kathy Hirsh-Pasek. The report is an excellent resource for museums, libraries and public broadcasting stations on how they can work together to support lifelong learning in their communities. A PDF version of the Report may be downloaded at [www.ChildrensMuseums.org/Programs/21\\_Century](http://www.ChildrensMuseums.org/Programs/21_Century).

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### **Standards of Excellence in Early Learning: A Model for the New Chicago Children's Museum**

Conducted over a two-year period with Gyroscope, Inc. and Erikson Institute Standards of Excellence in Early Learning defines the fundamental relationship between play and learning and translates the science of child development into clear benchmarks for Chicago Children's Museum's exhibits, programs, physical environment, staff and role in the community. Print copies no longer available.

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### **The ACM Standards Document**

The *ACM Standards Document* was developed by ACM in 1992 with a grant from Institute of Museum and Library Services. This document outlines the standards for professional practices in children's museums and is helpful for newly founded or start-up museums and those museums seeking accreditation from the American Association of Museums. A PDF version of the *ACM Standards Document* is available for ACM members to download for free on the Members Only Web site.

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### **Integrating Teens Into Your Museum Family**

Created by Please Touch Museum® upon receiving the MetLife Foundation and ACM Promising Practice Replication Award, this toolkit is an 111-page book and DVD that addresses partnerships, recruiting, staffing, funding and programming to help children's museums create youth programs that fit their communities.

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