



## **ACM DIVERSITY STATEMENT**

### **THE ASSOCIATION OF CHILDREN'S MUSEUMS: HONORING, PRACTICING AND PROMOTING DIVERSITY**

**The Association of Children's Museums supports the goals of the *Museums and Diversity National Initiative*. We have also developed more specific goals for supporting diversity; our organization's diversity statement follows.**

**The Association of Children's Museums is an international professional organization representing children's museums and institutions dedicated to serving children. Our mission is to build the capacity of children's museums to serve as town squares where play inspires creativity and lifelong learning. The Association and its members are committed to honoring, practicing and promoting diversity, and believe that children's museums have unique opportunities to do so by:**

- **Engaging children and families in exploring and appreciating their own cultures and the diverse cultures and lifestyles of others.**
- **Enhancing children's cultural competency, their skills and ability to be active and successful in an increasingly diverse and global society.**
- **Playing an active role in building inclusive communities through exhibits, programs, advocacy and partnerships that reflect and celebrate our diverse communities.**
- **Enhancing staff and organizational capacity to attract, welcome and serve a diverse audience and membership.**
- **Modeling diversity-in-action for children by ensuring that our boards and staff at every level reflect and benefit from our diverse communities.**

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