

## Examples of How Children's Museums Describe their Impact

- Please Touch Museum® provides access to low-income families through its Family Play Pass Program at local neighborhood libraries and its First Wednesday \$2.00 admission program.
- Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose has increased its attendance from the top 10 Latino zip codes in its area by 20 percent by implementing a diversity strategy that effects exhibits, programs, events and governance.
- Children's Museum of Manhattan (NY) developed a bilingual, online Play Guide for Families of Children with Disabilities.
- Boston Children's Museum created the free, online KIDS @fterschool program that presents a full year of interdisciplinary activities within a pedagogical framework. KIDS @fterschool is used in all 50 U.S. states and in eight countries around the world.
- Long Island Children's Museum (Garden City, NY) developed an online exhibit replication toolkit based on its award-winning Our Backyard exhibit, enabling other museums to create environments that engage children to play in nature.
- Strong National Museum of Play® established a National Center for the History of Electronic Games at the museum.
- Northwoods Children's Museum developed a Fun with Fathers monthly program at the museum that to promotes interaction between fathers, grandfathers, and father-figures and their children, as well as a chance to network with other fathers.
- Portland Children's Museum created a Center for Children's Learning, which provides original research on how children respond to play environments, sensory experiences and cognitive challenges.
- Children's Discovery Museum (Normal, IL) runs a Farmers' Market Foods Infusion Project, which addresses two overarching needs - to support children's emergent literacy with books and to connect families to plentiful, healthy foods at the local farmers' markets.
- Chicago Children's Museum actively works with the Marriott Bridges Program, The Chicago Center for Health and Rehabilitation and the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities to recruit volunteers for its Play for All program.
- Garden State Discovery Museum provides an Open Arms Program for families with children on the autism spectrum and encourages other groups with disabilities to visit the museum by hosting special days and field trips throughout the year. During the school year the museum sees up to 200 children a day through these field trips.
- Creative Discovery Museum partners with Oak Ridge National Lab and the Department of Energy to teach children about alternative energy sources.
- With the opening of EdVenture Children's Museum's new outdoor (enclosed) nature exhibit, "Blooming Butterflies" and its participation in "C3" (Communicating Climate Change), the museum is reinforcing the importance of understanding and preserving our environment.

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How does your museum impact its community? Share it with ACM so we can promote your museum and to inspire other children's museums. Email your impact statements to

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