PLAYFUL INCLUSION
FUN FOR ALL!
Introductions

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Can we be honest?
Inclusion is...

Human beings treating human beings like human beings.
3 Core Beliefs

1. All people can make a friend.
2. All people can participate.
3. All people can be successful.
Be a connector.
Differences without connection keep us apart.

Differences with connection make things interesting.
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How?

• Be Intentional.
• Be Aware.
• Be Friendly.
• Be Understanding.
• Be okay with not knowing and making mistakes.
So connect!
You make a huge difference!
KCM'S
EVERYONE AT PLAY!
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Free, after hours event
Offered 6x per year
40 community partners (programming, parent resources, staff training/support)
Meaningful staff and volunteer connections
“My nephew has autism and our family is there almost every single Family Fun Night. Ethan LOVES the museum and it has helped to create a lot of special memories for my family. Thanks for all the work you do!”
Lights Up Sound Down
Movies at Marbles

Extension of Family Fun Night event
Less stimulating theatre experience for all families
Discounted ticket price
Offered 2x a month (docs & features)
Seeking new ways to promote this year
Ok, come on...
Share that awesome idea!
Chardines
KCM’S
UNIVERSAL DESIGN

“Once again, I can't thank you enough. It is obvious that a great deal of planning, consideration and consultation happened to make your facility possible.”

Jill Uswajesdakul
We think it's important that the Museum be equally available to guests with any level of physical, visual, auditory, or cognitive ability.
Play helps children prepare for the unexpected.
Time to explore some resources!

Vito – Parent Guides for enhanced museum play experiences
Aron – Power of Friendship resources
Maureen – Plan Your Play kits & camper support tools
The Power of Partnerships

• Who is already doing great work in your community? (universities, businesses, community organizations, other museums or venues serving families)

• How can you become more connected to the conversation around inclusion? Or, do you need to start one?

• What training resources are available to empower my team?
Any Questions? Comments?
Reach out

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