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A place for active hands-on  
fun – inside *and* out!



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## Employment Opportunities

### Paid Positions

- Director of Development
- Bilingual Family Clinician, Full-time, Families Together Program
- Finance Manager
- Facilities Coordinator
- Visitor Experience Associate

Volunteer  
Internships  
Work-Study  
AmeriCorps

There are no other paid opportunities at this time, but the Museum is always looking for volunteers.

*Providence Children's Museum is an equal opportunity employer. Members of racial/ethnic minorities are encouraged to apply.*



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## Mission, Values and Vision

**The mission of Providence Children's Museum is to inspire and celebrate learning through active play and exploration.**

**The Museum welcomes children and adults of all backgrounds and from all communities. Its focus is on serving southern New England children, ages 1 to 11, and the adults who care for them by:**

- Presenting hands-on, play-based exhibits and programs that explore arts, culture and science, technology, engineering and math.
- Fostering children's cognitive, social, emotional and physical development.
- Embracing a wide range of abilities, learning styles and forms of creative expression.
- Creating safe and welcoming environments in which visitors and staff share with and learn from one another.
- Being accessible and responsive to all families – culturally, physically and economically.
- Working in partnership with other organizations to meet the needs of children and families.
- Increasing awareness and knowledge of the ways in which children and families learn.

Providence Children's Museum – Impact and Service

## Values

The shared values of Providence Children's Museum staff and volunteers include:

- Respect for children, their caregivers, each other and the differences among us
- Working as a team and in collaboration with other organizations
- Life-long love of learning
- The essential role of play in learning and creativity
- The quality and beauty of our learning environment
- Accessibility for all people
- Integrity in all we do

## Vision

Rhode Island prioritizes children and their families in policy and practice and values children's right, need and ability to play and learn in their own ways.



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## Support with a Gift

**When you make a financial contribution, attend a fundraising event or volunteer your time, you help inspire children's love of learning.**

Approximately one-third of the Museum's operating income comes from charitable tax-deductible gifts. Your generosity enables the Museum to:

- Welcome families regardless of their ability to pay admission fees.
- Partner with Head Start and inner-city community centers and ensure memorable learning experiences for children most in need.
- Provide positive shared experiences for children in foster care and their parents.
- Advocate for the importance of play in children's healthy development.
- And much more!





**Give the gift of play and learning to kids you care about. Please consider:**

- Any amount to honor someone special.
- \$100 to underwrite one charitable membership.

*\*Donors of \$100 or more are listed in the Annual Report. All donors are listed on the Museum's website. Special donor recognition: (BB) Building Block, (M) Member, (A) Alumni, former member, (5+) Sustaining, consecutive years*

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- Donate to the **Blue Star** program. (PDF) 
- Learn about an **inscribed brick** to honor a special person or occasion.
- Download a **gift slip** to mail in your contribution. (PDF) 
- See a list of **Museum supporters**.

For more information or to discuss gift-giving opportunities, please contact **Denise Costello**, (401) 273-5437 ext. 118.

Thank you for including Providence Children's Museum  
among the valued organizations you support!



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## Visiting Tips

### PARKING

There is free off-street parking in the Museum's lot. On busier days, the lot fills quickly. Metered parking (one or two hours) is available on many of the streets surrounding the Museum.

### AT THE MUSEUM

- Museum visits usually last between two and four hours.
- While most [exhibits](#) can be enjoyed by visitors of all ages, *Littlewoods* is only for children age 4 and under and their caregivers.
- The Museum offers daily programs. Check the [calendar](#) to determine which programs are of interest and age appropriate for your child(ren).
- The Museum Admissions Desk offers a selection of imaginative toys, souvenirs and gifts.
- All signage is in both English and Spanish.
- The Museum is fully wheelchair accessible.
- For the convenience and enjoyment of all of our visitors, we have umbrella strollers available for use in the Museum free of charge. We ask that you leave large strollers at home or in your vehicle.
- The Museum tends to be more crowded on rainy days, school vacation weeks and certain holidays. Feel free to call ahead to find out if the Museum is particularly busy or if school groups will be visiting that day. Early morning and late afternoons are generally quieter times to visit.
- We work hard to ensure the Museum's cleanliness for all visitors. You can help too by washing your hands frequently with soap and water and covering your coughs and sneezes.



### FOOD

- No food, drinks or gum are permitted in exhibit areas, including coffee, sippy cups and



children's snacks.

- The Museum does not have food service. You are welcome to bring a snack or lunch to enjoy in the Museum's lunchroom or, weather permitting, in *The Children's Garden*, which has two exciting new learning environments. There are several nearby restaurants with children's menus. Ask at the Admissions Desk for recommendations.



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## Exhibits and Environments

Providence Children's Museum is dedicated to the idea that children learn through play and that play is good for children and their families. The Museum's hands-on learning environments and programs are designed for children ages 1 to 11 and their adult caregivers.

**Water Ways** – Explore ice, mist and discover the swirling, whirling ways of water in an all-new water play environment!



**Play Power** – Send objects soaring through air tubes and construct magnetic mazes in an environment that celebrates the power of children's play.

**The Children's Garden** – Explore a garden of native plants, a perfect place for a picnic lunch and for active outdoor play.

**The Climber** – Wriggle and stretch through an artful two-story-high climbing maze.

**Underland** – Discover an imaginative subterranean world of roots, worm tunnels and critters' burrows.

**Iway** – Tackle bridge-building challenges and plan a city in an exhibit about solving problems.

**NEW! Coming to Rhode Island** – Embark on an interactive time-traveling adventure to meet people who immigrated to Rhode Island from around the world and explore history, culture and diversity through stories.



**ThinkSpace** – Experiment with shapes and spaces through hands-on puzzles and challenges.

***Littlewoods*** – Climb into a tree house, swoop down a slide and crawl through a bear cave in an enchanting woodland environment. *Just for infants to 4-year-olds and their caregivers.*

***Discovery Studio*** – Explore a different activity each week in a vibrant program space designed for science and nature exploration and art experimentation.

***Strings Attached*** – Bring marionettes to life and learn about the artistry of two Rhode Island puppet masters.

**Also learn about:**

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