



Kohl Children's Museum of Greater Chicago offers 17 interactive, hands-on exhibits for children ages birth to 8. All of our exhibits and programs are aligned to the Illinois State Learning Standards and are designed to nurture a love of learning in young children.

OUR VISION

Kohl Children's Museum nurtures a love of learning in young children.

OUR MISSION

Kohl Children's Museum of Greater Chicago provides engaging informal learning environments featuring interactive exhibits and programs that encourage young children ages birth to 8 to become effective learners through self-directed complex play.

AUDIENCES SERVED ANNUALLY

- 336,000 annual visitors
- 175,000 children
- 143,500 adults
- 17,500 seniors
- 7,500 member families
- 29,000 field trip participants
- 6,000 outreach program participants
- 750 schools, daycares, park districts and other organizations for young children

COMMUNITIES SERVED

- Northern suburbs
- City of Chicago
- Collar counties (DuPage, Lake)

ECONOMIC IMPACT

- 30 full-time jobs
- 56 part-time jobs
- \$5M budget
- \$1,622,307 spent on goods and services in the greater Chicago area



KEY VALUES

- All Museum exhibits and programming are research-based to be challenging, educational, appealing and engaging to young children.
- Parents, caregivers and teachers play a crucial role in guiding children toward activities that promote effective learning, while allowing them to direct their own learning experiences.
- Complex play experiences involve a blend of physical, emotional, imaginative, cognitive, and social activities.
- Trained staff using best practices in early childhood education enhance effective complex play experiences for children.
- All Museum facilities, exhibits and programming are accessible by children in the same manner, regardless of differing levels of physical, auditory, visual, social-emotional, or cognitive ability.
- All Museum facilities and programming model strong stewardship of the environment.
- We embrace the opportunity for those with diverse backgrounds to interact and play together.
- We create opportunities for those in the Chicago area whose geographical or economic circumstances preclude direct Museum visitation can still participate through interactive outreach programming.
- Informal environments augment the more traditional, formal educational structure.
- We create a setting that brings all generations of family together to share the early childhood learning experience with one another.



DIVERSITY STATEMENT

Kohl Children's Museum of Greater Chicago is dedicated to a culture of inclusion that inspires children to value themselves and the unique qualities in each other through the provision of environments and experiences that foster cooperative play, inquiry and self-discovery. The Museum draws upon the strength of its broad service area to achieve institution-wide diversity in all programs, activities and operations.

CHILDREN'S MUSEUMS: NURTURING OUR FUTURE

- Children's museums spend more than \$449 million a year, contributing to economic growth in their communities
- Children's museums welcome more than 30 million visitors each year
- Children's museums serve more than 4 million visitors through outreach programs each year

