



**BOSTON
CHILDREN'S
MUSEUM**



ABOUT BOSTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Mission

Boston Children's Museum exists to help children and families enjoy, understand and become active citizens of the world in which they live. We want children to grow up as successful learners who respect others and the natural world. We encourage imagination, curiosity, investigation, innovation, and play. Central to our philosophy is the belief that meaningful interactions with real objects, direct engagement and enjoyment promote learning.

Vision

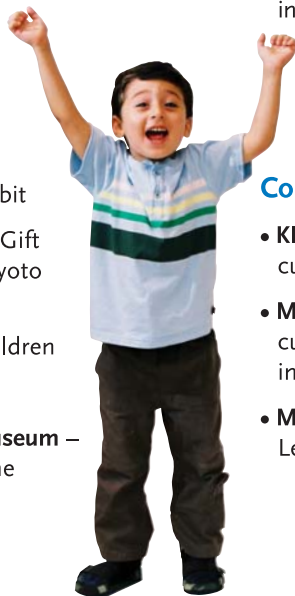
We want children to grow up as creative, curious learners who live healthy lives in sustainable, global communities.

Almost 100 Years of Helping Children Learn About Their World

- Founded by Boston Public School teachers in 1913 in Jamaica Plain
- Second oldest children's museum in the world
- First museum to introduce family-focused and hands-on exhibits
- Moved to former 1889 wool warehouse along the Fort Point Channel in 1979
- Completed \$47-million expansion and renovation project in 2007

Groundbreaking Exhibits

- **Peep's World** – Preschool science exhibit
- **Japanese House (*Kyo-no-Machiya*)** – Gift from Boston's Japanese Sister City Kyoto to the city of Boston in 1979
- **PlaySpace** – First exhibit for young children
- **Climbing structure** – First of its kind
- **Traveling exhibits developed by the Museum** – Featured in museums in 29 states, the District of Columbia, and Canada



Commitment to Four Ideals

- **Play** – Encourage imagination and curiosity
- **Learn** – Help families develop the habits for learning
- **Innovate** – Create new programs to meet tomorrow's challenges
- **Collaborate** – Work in partnership with communities to support children and families

Innovative Research

- **Playlab** – MIT conducts cognitive research with young children onsite
- **PEEP's World** – Developing tool to measure how people interact with exhibits
- **School readiness** – Partnering with educators, families and community organizations to provide kids with hands-on learning experiences

Community Learning

- **KIDS @fterschool** – First free, online afterschool curriculum
- **Museum kits and training** – Innovative multimedia curricula and professional development for educators in formal and informal settings
- **Museum programs** – Align with Massachusetts State Learning Standards