

EVERY EVERY EVERY Child! Family! Group!

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Too many children do not have the chance to learn in a fun and exciting way, play with other kids, access environments that will prepare them for school, or enjoy a carefree quality time with their families. The Every Child! Every Family! Every Group! Fund opens the Museum doors to kids (ages 0 – 8), families, and groups who would not be able to afford a visit so that they, too, can take advantage of the opportunities for hands-on early learning that the Central Wisconsin Children’s Museum provides. Our programs and exhibits teach kids and their families to engage with the world in which they live through creative arts, science, math, healthy living, role-playing, reading and much more.

Brain research has shown that nurturing in the earliest years is crucial for emotional and social, as well as intellectual, development. While research shows that people continue to learn throughout life, there is no doubt that the earliest years are those of greatest growth – and those most susceptible to influence by external factors. In effect, the first years of lay the foundation for educational – and life – success.

“Seven Things Policy Makers Need to Know about School Readiness: Revised and Expanded Toolkit”

Nurturing, responsive, and individualized interactions build healthy brains that provide a strong foundation for future growth and development.

Jack P. Shonkoff, M.D.

If you think about it, scientists learn mostly the same way children learn. The way [scientists] have to learn is by really being driven and trying lots of things, and doing lots of experiments and having lots of fun doing it. And then they try to make sense of what they find out. And that seems to be the same processes that are involved with children.

Alison Gopnik, Professor of Psychology,
Institute of Cognitive Science, University of California, Berkeley

How does it work?

As the fund grows, the Museum will offer free admission to our facilities through a variety of initiatives. Families participating in the WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) will be admitted to the Museum free of charge by showing their WIC folder. In addition, participating nonprofit agencies will be invited to take advantage of free group visits the Museum and to distribute admission passes to families who express interest or are most likely to take advantage of the Museum’s rich educational resources and unique environment. As families and groups visit, the actual cost of their admissions will be taken from the **Every Child! Every Family! Every Group! Fund**. Families who will benefit from the fund will include participants in Head Start, the Achievement Center Early Intervention program, Portage County Health and Human Services Healthy Beginnings program, the Family Resource Center Parent to Parent program, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and more.

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