

## **Summary Children's Discovery Museum Five Phase Program**

The Children's Museum (Building One)- Age focus Birth to 8 with Exhibit experiences Engagement Strategies include creative ways to: Experiment (ball fall & ramps, measuring & pouring, cardboard building), Imagine (role play, theater), Move your body (net climb, noodle forest, dancing), Express yourself (making music, building blocks, color mixing), Interact with your child (reading nook, simple building, parent tips & resources), More significant space dedicated to toddlers (3 and under, balance and coordination activities, textures), Dedicated "creative calm" inclusive space that serves as an area for relaxation, reflection, reading etc., which also accommodates special needs.

The Children's Museum: Visitor Outcomes - Grow great brains, using play to develop thinking and social skills. Develop the 21st century skills that support school readiness. Reveal new ways for caregivers to interact with their children and extend the power of play to their homes. Strengthen the bonds between caregivers, children and community members of diverse backgrounds through play. Caregivers see children as capable, competent, creative learners from an early age.

The Studio (Building Two) - Age Focus: 5 – 14: Combination of exhibition and flexible activity space Engagement Strategies include creative ways to: Build (Kapla, found-object sculptures, etc.), Experiment and make (kites, roller coaster, racetrack, etc.), Tell stories (animation, poetry, story stations, theater), Express yourself (drawing, painting, etc.), Expansion into picnic area for larger or messier activities and programs (Big Blue Blocks, cardboard city, Paint a Bug, giant checkers, etc.).

The Studio: Visitor Outcomes - Cultivate creativity and innovation to foster flexible, 21st century skills. Build thinking skills by encouraging cross-disciplinary experimentation. Children feel safe and supported to articulate and express their thoughts and feelings. Grow communication and collaboration competencies that help children be open and responsive to diverse perspectives.

The Lab (Building Three) - Age Focus 8: Adult Flexible activity and maker space (loose parts, tools, lots of program opportunities) focused on revenue-generating multipurpose uses. Engagement Strategies include creative ways to: Build and make (tools, computers, 3D printers, materials, etc.), Gather (community programs, teen clubs, maker faire, etc.), Celebrate (birthday parties, inclusive prom, ethnic festivals, etc.), Continue learning and skill-building (teen classes, teacher training, adult programming, complimentary programming with other organizations, after school care & camps, etc.)

The Lab: Visitor Outcomes - Children, teens and adults learn new skills in a wide range of disciplines through hands-on experience. Spark interest in a variety of careers while building the abilities needed in a successful future workforce. Enhance social and cross-

cultural understanding and acceptance through family and community celebrations. Nurture the joy of life-long learning in all members of the Coachella Valley community.

The Oasis (Outdoor space) - Age Focus all ages up to 14: Gross motor experiences within a wide variety of thematic spaces. Engagement Strategies include creative way to: Move (climbing & scrambling, trike path, tunnels, zip line, etc.), Gather (community programs, STEAM programming, Sunset Stage, etc.), Express yourself (water painting, Music Garden, etc.), Explore nature ( The Oasis water play, The Garden, etc.)

The Oasis: Visitor Outcomes - Connect children and their families with the natural world of the Coachella Valley. Increase physical well-being and self-confidence through outdoor play, active exploration and safe risk-taking. Strengthen community connections through a delightful variety of outdoor performances and programming.

Future Expansion: Larger lobby and museum store, Toddler Room, Two Special Functions Rooms, Two Program Rooms, Dedicated School Group Entrance, 4,200 Sq. Ft. Exhibition gallery, and Expanded Administrative Offices.