

# The Children's Museum of Indianapolis

CREATED IN 1925. MOVED TO CURRENT LOCATION IN 1946.



## Free and Reduced-Cost Programs and Events

The Children's Museum believes that all children and families—regardless of income—should be able to visit the museum and access its resources. Through philanthropic contributions from individuals, foundations, government agencies, and corporations, the museum is able to offer programs and special events free, or at a substantially reduced cost. What follows are descriptions of the museum's free and reduced cost events and programs.



### Free Admission Days and First Thursdays

The museum offers free admission on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Presidents Day, Fiesta Familia, and Christmas Eve. On the first Thursday of each month from 4 to 8 p.m., visitors may pay \$5 per person to visit The Children's Museum or the *Riley Children's Health Sports Legends Experience*, or \$7 per person to visit both. **2018 Visits: 56,116**

**Access Pass**—Families receiving state assistance such as SNAP, Hoosier Healthwise insurance, or TANF pay \$2 admission per person per visit with Access Pass. The program is a collaborative effort with Conner Prairie, NCAA Hall of Champions, the Eiteljorg Museum, the Indiana State Museum, the Indiana Historical Society, Indiana Repertory Theater, and Newfields as well as Terre Haute Children's Museum and WonderLab Museum in Bloomington. **2018**

**Households: 6,371. Visits: 43,445**


**School Groups**—The museum offers reduced-price admission to schools and teachers and free facilitated programs during their visits. **2018 Visits: 88,208**

**infoZone**—A part of the Indianapolis Public Library system, infoZone occupies 3,000 square feet of space within the museum and includes computer stations and about 10,000 books. **2018 Visits: 91,248**

**The Children's Museum Neighborhood Club**—Families residing in one of the six neighborhoods in the Midtown area—Crown Hill, Highland Vicinity, Historic Meridian Park, Historic Watson Park, Mapleton-Fall Creek, and Meridian Highland—are eligible for a free one-year membership. **2018 Member Households 987; Visits: 12,167**

**Neighborhood Nights**—The museum hosts free neighborhood nights for residents of the six surrounding neighborhoods. These evenings feature activities tied to museum exhibits and the annual holiday party, which includes photos with Santa, live music, and a canned food drive. **2018 Participants: 1,707 for all events**

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**Juneteenth**—This celebration of freedom dates back to June 1865 when slaves in the Southwest finally learned that the Emancipation Proclamation had been signed into law. **2018 Participants: 2,166**

**Foster Family Membership Program**—The museum provides a free one-year membership to licensed Indiana foster parents and their families. This program, launched in 2009, is a collaborative effort with the Indiana Department of Child Services. **2018 Member Households: 1,210; Visits: 12,316**

**StarPoint Program**—This multidisciplinary, full-day summer program serves residents in the museum's surrounding areas. The program seeks to engage underserved youths and their families with a variety of activities based on museum exhibits. **2018 Participants: 82 youths**

**Museum Apprentice Program (MAP)**—Provides participants ages 13 to 18 with an exciting program that introduces them to the arts, sciences, and humanities in a real work environment. **2018–2019 Participants: 32 youths**