

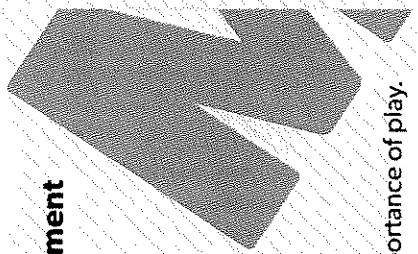


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Connecting all our communities' children, and those who care for them, to one another and to a life of wonder, imagination and exploration. Here, children discover their passions and their relationship to the world we share.

— LICM Mission Statement



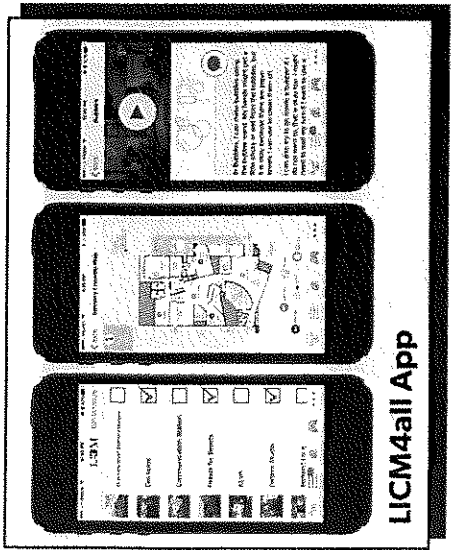
Core Values

- We value creativity and the importance of play.
- We embrace diversity.
- We are dedicated to respect and access for all.
- We are committed to excellence.
- We nurture cooperation and kindness.
- We value the trust of our community and continually seek to earn it.

Accessibility & Inclusion

Resources to Support Families

www.licm.org/licm4all



LICM4all App

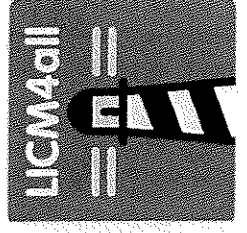
Play is essential ... as a learning tool and social connection resource, as well as a source of family relaxation. Ensuring that the Museum experience is available to all families is part of the DNA of Long Island Children's Museum; evident first in blueprints and in our exhibits, programs and performances through the years.

"Thank you for the wonderful work you do on these programs! Without them, my family would not be able to experience all the museum has to offer."
—Heather R-S.

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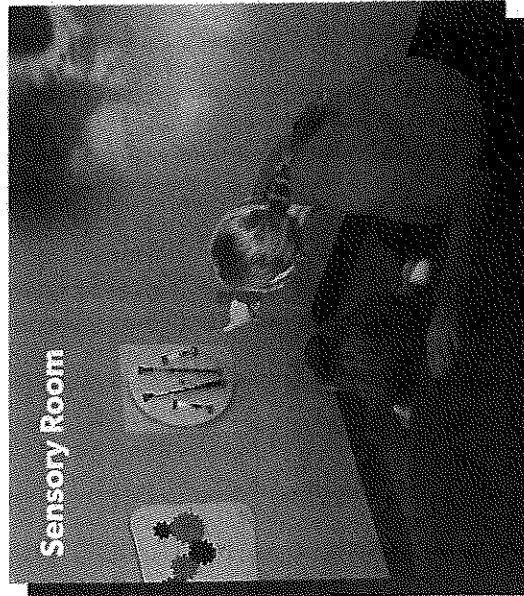


LICM4all is a museum wide initiative to expand its core commitment to visitor access. Through this program, the Museum moves beyond ADA-compliance expectations to create an optimal environment that welcomes all children in our community. The program focuses on families of children with a range of neurodivergences and mobility difficulties with the goal that families within this community view the Museum as a resource and a location in which they feel safe and accepted.

"Love that you have sensory backpacks"
—Heather S.

LICM has worked with a multitude of leading organizations to guide our accessibility and inclusion initiatives; their support enables us to provide a positive and supportive learning environment to all our visitors.

Sensory Room



Visitor Resources

■ **LICM4all App**—Families can prepare for their Museum experience in advance so that they are fully ready to explore, create and play when they arrive. The Museum app includes a social guide, sensory map, custom scheduler, tips and updates on museum exhibits and games.

■ **Sensory Room**—This dedicated room provides a respite for children who are feeling anxious or overwhelmed during their visit. The inclusive space includes visual, auditory and tactile resources to create a quiet and calming environment enabling children to self-regulate and return to play.

■ **Wheelchair Accessibility**—The Museum is fully accessible by ramp and elevator.

- Wheelchairs are available, free of charge, at the INFO desk in the lobby
- All bathrooms and water fountains are wheelchair accessible.

• Accessible parking is available in the East and West parking lots adjacent to the Museum

■ **Assistive Devices**—Sensory backpacks are available for visitor use at the Museum's INFO desk, located in the lobby. Backpacks contain the following supportive items:

- Noise-reducing headphones
- Weighted lap-pads
- Fidget items
- PCS cards
- Visual vocabulary cards
- Museum Sensory Map – identifying typically quieter exhibits



■ **One-to-One Aides/Therapists**—LICM provides free admission to these professionals when accompanying their client on a visit. Please advise admission desk staff on arrival.

■ **Service animals**—Guests who rely on service animals are welcome to bring them to the Museum during their visit. Service animals must remain leashed throughout their stay.

■ **All Gender Restrooms**—All gender restrooms are located within TotSpot and on the first floor outside the Orange Studio.

"Tonight's LICM4all event was just the best. We got to walk around so many areas that are usually way too loud and crowded."

—Jessica B.

Programs

■ **Friendly Hours**—Exclusive Museum time allows families to visit at a time when attendance is limited and the lights and sounds are reduced to create an optimal family-engagement experience.

■ **Sensory-Friendly Theater Performances**—The live theater experience is available to children and families with a range of sensory, learning and communication differences in an exclusive environment. Performance modifications are made to create a supportive environment.

■ **Relaxed Workshops**—Popular LICM programs are adapted to fit the needs of those with neurodivergences and mobility challenges. Smaller group size and program modifications enable all visitors to participate.

Training & Assistance

■ **Staff training**—Ongoing, targeted training is provided to enable staff to provide positive experiences and supportive interactions with all visitors. Please do not hesitate to ask for assistance or share feedback.

■ **Mentoring**—LICM4all staff shares expertise and knowledge at conferences and educational settings to support accessibility expansion.

■ **Feedback/Questions**—If you have questions or feedback about your visit please contact us at licm4all@licm.org.

