



Check out their website: <https://pittsburghkids.org/visit/accessibility>

The Children's Museum has monthly Sensory Friendly afternoons on select Tuesdays from 100PM-500PM. The lights and sounds in the Museum are turned down and trained staff is on hand to assist. The Museum also has sound blocking headphones, weighted vests and blankets, and wrist assistance cuffs available on any visit. There are social stories available on their website.

Accessibility

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh is committed to providing exhibits, programs and public spaces that are inclusive and interactive for all visitors. Our museum staff have been trained on how to help visitors with various needs. If you are planning a visit to the Museum, please do not hesitate to ask for any of the services listed below. A staff member will be happy to assist you. For more information about our accessibility program, please contact Viv Shaffer, Accessibility and Inclusion Coordinator, at vshaffer@pittsburghkids.org.

Services

- Accessible parking is available in our parking lot.
- The main Museum entrances are wheelchair accessible with power assist doors.
- The Museum is accessible by ramp and elevator, with the exception of the Gravity Room in the Attic.
- Service animals are always welcome.
- A [Museum map](#) is available at the Admissions desk when you visit.

These additional services are offered, free of charge:

- Wheelchairs - available on a first-come, first-served basis. Motorized wheelchairs are always permitted.
- Versatile Velcro lap tables, adjustable to fit most wheelchairs
- Tactile Museum map - available at the Admissions Desk
- Braille menus - available in the Big Red Room Cafe
- Sighted guides for descriptive tours; please call 412-322-5058 two weeks in advance to schedule a tour.
- Tours conducted in American Sign Language- available upon request; please call 412-322-5058 two weeks in advance to schedule a tour.

Autism Access and Resources

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh provides families of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) with innovative tools to make a museum visit more comfortable and enjoyable.

To request an item in advance of your visit, please contact the Admissions Desk at 412-322-5058, or ask any Museum Educator during your visit. All services listed below are offered free of charge. Availability of these items is limited.

- Sound blocking headphones
- Sensory blanket and vests
- Wrist assistance cuffs

Our goal is to create a comprehensive welcoming structure for families of children with ASD through the following initiatives:

- Special Autism Access events or visitation times, such as **Sensory Friendly Afternoons**, for families of children with ASD. Please check our [Calendar of Events](#) for details on specific events. Sign up for Museum E-news to learn about all upcoming programming and events. You can find the sign up form on the [bottom of our website homepage](#).
- [Museum Stories](#) describe each of the museum's exhibits from a child's perspective. They will help you and your child choose the exhibits you want to visit. The guide, specially designed for children with developmental disabilities, utilizes visual messages, and is appropriate for any child who would like to know about exhibits or activities in the Children's Museum.