

Created by the Boston Children's Museum as a part of the Youth Museum Exhibit Collaborative, *access/ABILITY* focuses on people with disabilities as active contributors to society, delivering the message that we are all more alike than different.

Filled with engaging interactives and real, personal stories, the exhibit leaves room for a child's natural curiosity and openness while dispelling myths and allaying fears about people with disabilities. *access/ABILITY* encourages positive communication for people of all ages.

access/ABILITY is organized into five areas that are integral to daily life. Each area includes a variety of interactives, photos, personal narratives, and parent tips. These areas are:

Going Places

Movement and mobility are a common element in everyone's life. Move through a cityscape of various textures and surfaces using each of your senses, identify objects without using your eyes, or maneuver through obstacles in the wheelchair course.



Just for Fun!

Be active and creative! Zoom along a road on a hand-pedaled bike. Performance videos, an art gallery, and photos of athletes showcase individuals of varying abilities at play. A tactile art interactive allows visitors to create accessible, multi-sensory artworks.



Talk with Me

Type your name into a braille and then let your fingers read it! Experience different types of hearing impairments while listening to a friend speak, or learn American sign language through a computer interactive. People with varying disabilities share stories about communicating across levels of ability.



Think About It!

Visitors explore the challenge of learning and define their own learning strengths through memory games and interactives that challenge your ability to pay attention. Try a mirror-based writing activity to simulate what it might feel like to be dyslexic, or play a computer game that tests your concentration.



Invent It!

Interactives encourage visitors to think about how the design of objects and spaces affects peoples' abilities to participate in everyday life. Use adaptive tools for heads, hands and feet in "Fishing for Solutions". Check out the latest inventions that make the world more accessible from hot and happening prosthetic devices to cool door handles and alarm clocks.

Then, become an inventor yourself!

Resource Area

Read books, learn about events, and find out about support and resources in your community.

"As a parent I really appreciate the opportunity for our children to get an experience of what life is like for the handicapped. They seem to have a new appreciation for others' difficulties. Thank you for such a wonderful experience for our children and all children!"

—Boston Children's Museum Visitor Comment

Hosting access/ABILITY

- The exhibit requires 1,200 feet of space and 8½' ceilings.
- Complete marketing materials including sample press releases, style guide, and print-ready photos are included.
- Complete education manual with visitor activities, anticipating and meeting your visitor's expectations, school group programming, educator seminars, and more!
- Complete installation manual with photos and step-by-step instructions.

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