

Session # 9

Power of Play for All Families

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How can we design play settings that maximize the social and physical benefits of play by being responsive to families' diverse needs? Panelists will discuss best practices in play settings, with a focus on:

- Families with children with physical, developmental, emotional and/or behavioral disabilities (Dr. Donald Wertlieb, Tufts)
- Development of community play contact spaces for families in Boston neighborhoods and at Friday Target Dollar Night (Megan Dickerson, Boston Children's Museum)
- Reimagining how children's museums everywhere are responsive to the changing needs of families (Janet Rice Elman, Association of Children's Museums)