



# ACCOMODATIONS & TIPS FOR GUESTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS



## TRANSITION TOOLKIT

CMAC has developed a "transition toolkit" for anyone who would like some simple techniques for making a smoother transition between exhibits. Guests can borrow one of our timers or a set of pictoral communication cards from the front desk.

Caregivers can use timers to set a limited amount of minutes for each exhibit. With a little practice, children can often learn to relate the sound of the timer with the act of moving on to another activity.

The pictoral communication cards were designed specifically for our museum, featuring a card that represents each exhibit and the most commonly asked for toys. These are perfect for providing a visual schedule ("First, we will go to the BLOCKS, then the FARM"), decision making ("BLOCKS or FARM?"), or for assisting nonverbal children in communicating what they would like to do.

## ONE-ON-ONE TOUR

If you would like a staff member to assist you in using some of the techniques in our transition toolkit, please call us prior to your visit to check for availability.

If you would like to see the museum in person before your visit, stop by any time during our hours of operation (10AM-4PM, Tuesday-Friday, 10AM-5PM on Saturday.)

## PLAN YOUR VISIT

- Older children with special needs who could benefit from the toys in our Wobble & Roll exhibit (typically reserved for children 2 & under) can now use this area. We only ask that parents use their best judgement and wait until the area is not crowded.  
Tip: Talk with a staff member to find out which toys in this area aren't safe for larger children due to weight restrictions.
- Saturdays and mornings are usually our busiest time at the museum. If your child is sensitive to noise and crowds, we suggest visiting the museum in the afternoon.
- If you need a quiet place while you are here, ask a staff member if there is a programming room available. If there is, you are welcome to use it to destimulate.
- When you visit the museum, your admission is good all day! If you think you'll need to take a break or leave and come back for any reason, just hold onto your receipt.

## KID-SIZED, WITH FAMILIES IN MIND

Many of our exhibits focus on pretend play, but what happens here is more than just play!

In the diner, guests can take the opportunity to practice procedures for visiting a restaurant. In the dentist's office, visitors can get comfortable with sitting in the dentist's chair and practice brushing the giant set of teeth.

There are plenty of opportunities at CMAC for parents and children to practice academic and life skills in a fun, safe setting.

## CONTACT

For more information or to schedule a one-on-one guided museum tour, please contact our Program Director by phone or email:

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childrensmuseumofalamance.org

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