



Kohl Children's Museum of Greater Chicago
Early Childhood Connections: Public School Teachers
Introduction to Project Approach- Building a Foundation
A Professional Development Opportunity

Fact Sheet
2015/2016

Kohl Children's Museum is seeking preschool through third grade teachers to learn about and implement the Project Approach in their classrooms using Kohl Children's Museum as a resource and learning laboratory. The program includes a professional development component for teachers, interactive learning experiences for students both in the classroom and at Kohl Children's Museum, an in-school parent/child activity, and a family event and family passes to the museum. Programming content will address the Illinois Learning and Development Standards and Common Core.

Focus

To expand the use of the Project Approach into Chicago and Chicago suburb public schools in preschool through third grade classrooms through professional development and field trip opportunities.

Audience

Preschool through third grade teachers who serve children at-risk of academic failure in the Chicago and Chicagoland area.

Application Procedures

All teachers must submit an application form signed by the school principal to participate in the project. Applications will be reviewed and teachers will be informed of their participation by **May 18, 2015.**

Applications must be submitted to Sarah Salto at the Kohl Children's Museum:

2100 Patriot Boulevard, Glenview, Illinois 60026.

Email: ssalto@kohlchildrensmuseum.org

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Activities

1. **Attend and participate in three Professional Development (PD) workshops** at the Kohl Children's Museum in Glenview, Illinois, 8:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, October 21st, Wednesday, December 9th, 2015, and Wednesday, March 30, 2016**. Substitutes will be paid for by the museum. Please go through schools normal procedures to arrange a substitute. Schools will need to invoice the museum for substitute reimbursement, CPS schools will receive a bucket number.
2. **Participate in Evaluation and Assessment** – Museum Project Staff will **observe** select classrooms prior to the project and after the projects' completion. All participating teachers will be required to complete project journals and summaries, staff development evaluations, and pre- and post-attitude surveys.
3. **Plan, design, conduct and document** a child-centered project in each classroom between October 2015 and May 2016. Additional support from the Kohl Children's museum staff is available.
4. **Select and purchase project materials**. Each teacher will receive \$250 worth of classroom materials to support their projects. Materials must support project based learning in the classroom.
5. **Schedule and attend one focused field trip** to Kohl Children's Museum between October 2015 and February 2016. All museum and bus fees will be paid for through the project.
6. **Schedule and conduct one Parent/Child Activity in your classroom**. (Activity kit provided by the museum.)
7. **Schedule, coordinate and participate in one Project Celebration (weekend)** at Kohl Children's Museum (April 9 or April 30). Bus fees will be paid for by Kohl Children's Museum. Teachers are required to schedule the bus and bring their project documentation to display at the Museum. Celebrations are held on Saturday evenings or Sunday mornings.
8. **Distribute Kohl Children's Museum Family Passes** to families of students involved in the project.

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Funding Overview

Project pays for . . .

- Field trip fees
- Field Trip Bus fees
- Parent/child in school activity kits
- Substitute fees for professional development (3 days)
- Classroom materials
- Family celebration facility fees, refreshments, and bus fees
- Museum Family Passes

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