A BCM Social Story

WHAT TO EXPECT AT

BUELL WOW
Children's Museum
HOW WE GET THERE

• Today I am going to visit the Buell Children’s Museum.

• We are going to drive downtown to get there.

• We will park in a parking lot.

• When we get there we will have to hold hands and cross the parking lot.
OUTSIDE THE MUSEUM

- In front of the Museum, there are statues of kids playing instruments.
- In front of the Museum, there are big globes on each side of the door.
WE CHECK IN AT THE FRONT DESK

- We walk inside and walk up to the counter to check in with our names or buy our tickets.

- The Museum is big with bright colors.

- There will be lots of kids and their grownups.

- It can be loud in the Museum.

- If I think the Museum is going to be too loud, I can borrow headphones.
WE PLAN OUR VISIT

- We will plan what to do in case one of us gets lost.

- If we have questions, we can ask any of the Museum staff members in an apron.

- Before I start playing, I may want to go to the bathroom.

- If I get thirsty, I can get a drink of water at a water fountain.

- If I need to take some time to myself, I can go to one of the Quiet Spaces around the Museum and relax on a pillow or in a beanbag chair.

- There are many books next to the pillows in the Lizard Lounge Quite Space.
LUNCHTIME

- We can pack a lunch to bring with us to the museum.

- There are places where the grownups with little children can park their strollers.

- We can go downstairs to the Lunch Tables Area and eat lunch or if the weather is nice, we can eat outside at a table or on the grass.
QUIET SPACES

- The Museum has Quiet Spaces, where I can go if I need some quiet time.
- There are pillows and books to read in the Quiet Spaces.
I can go into the area called the Artrageous Studio.

I will see several tables where I can paint pictures.

Before I paint, I can ask a Museum Helper for a plastic apron so I won’t splash paint on my clothes.

A museum helper wearing an apron will show me the paint and paintbrushes.

After I paint my picture, I will need to wash my hands in the sink.

I sit on a chair and draw things with crayons, markers, or paint.

I visit the Artrageous Studio and have fun doing different art projects.

I can take all of my art projects home with me.
I can walk around the museum and see different Activity Tables.

Each table has a different art project or activity to do.

I can follow the directions and create something special.

I will use crayons, markers, paint, or other supplies to create my special project.

A museum helper wearing an apron can help me if I need help.

I can take all of my art projects home with me.
GIFT SHOP

- I can walk past the area called the Gift Shop.
- I will see toys and books on the shelves.
- These items are to buy.
- I can ask my grown-up if we can buy something from the gift shop.
- If my grown-up says “Yes”, they can help me pick out what to buy.
- We will pay the museum helper wearing an apron who is at the computer register.
I can go into the area called the Magic Carpet Theater.

The carpet in this room is blue with stars and other shapes on it.

There is a red curtain along one wall and the lights are not too bright.

I will see several soft cushions and chairs to sit on.

I can spend time in this quiet space if I need a break from the excitement of visiting the museum.
BABY BARN

- I can go into the area called the Baby Barn.

- I will see a pretend tree going up to the ceiling and pictures of the countryside and animals painted on the walls.

- I can play with blocks and stuffed animals.

- I can sort the pretend fruits and vegetables into different buckets.
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For helping to make the Buell Children’s Museum Sensory Friendly. Please take time to visit their booth located near the elevator on the first floor.