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CELEBRANDO CONEXIONES TEMPRANAS



**HAPPY
BRAIN**
CELEBRATING EARLY CONNECTIONS

AlegreMENTE | Happy Brain invites visitors to celebrate early childhood connections in a whimsical storybook forest alive with human and animal families of all kinds!



In this bilingual Spanish/English exhibit kids play while adults learn about how simple, everyday interactions build skills in children that support healthy brain development for a lifetime of happiness.

The exhibit encourages adults to support children's brain health by:

- dancing with forest animals
- forming brain connections on an interactive mini tilt table,
- and getting cozy in a semi-enclosed reflection pod.

Caregivers explore alongside their children, discovering they're already equipped with everything they need to support early brain development and build healthy connections with 0-5 year-olds.



Iluminando el cerebro Lighting Up the Brain

This experience gives children and caregivers the opportunity to play together on a tilt table rolling balls back and forth on a surface representing brain cell connections. The surface lights up along the paths of balls to call attention connections between children and their caregivers, and between neurons.



Gráficos en la entrada de la exhibición Entrance Graphics

Title graphic, welcome graphic, and credit panel

Fuente de sabiduría Fount of Wisdom

While caregivers learn about the basics of brain development in 0–5–year-olds, children are occupied with buttons, sounds, and lights at their height – just below the adult content. Vroom Brain Building Basics share five simple techniques that support adults in their role as brain builders. And a surprise mirror reinforces that caregivers already have everything they need to lovingly build brain health in kids!



Cuenteme un cuento Tell Me a Tale

A place where caregivers and children ages 0–5 can create stories together. AlegreMENTE’s “story stones” provide the opportunity for visitors to explore the benefits of language-rich environments by reading out loud, oral storytelling, and practicing vocabulary.



Piscina infantil Infant Pool

The enclosed space, soft furnishings, and high contrast graphics make this the perfect place for infants and just-walking toddlers.



Reflexiones Reflections

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Uno encima de otro Stack It Up

Children and caregivers create and test construction at this activity table using custom-made manipulative's. Rolling, rocking, and stacking enthrall kids and allow caregivers to support early STEM learning, cognitive development, and intergenerational engagement through exploring cause and effect.

Un espacio para compartir A Space to Share

Post a variety of questions for visitor groups and caregivers to respond to on the talkback board. Caregivers can express encouragement, current mood, sanity strategies, and favorite childcare tips. Children are also prompted to contribute through illustration.





Cara feliz Show Me Happy

Visitors spin the emotion wheel and make faces together, reflecting each emotion in the mirror. Children learn to read the emotional expressions of themselves and others. Discovering how faces express feelings is a foundation for understanding the perspectives of others – an important skill at school and in life.

Gráfico ambiental Environmental Graphic

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Fiesta alegre Happy Dance

This full-body interactive encourages adults and children dance together while animal families from the forest move with the music, too! Caregivers can be Brain Builders with simple calls to action like taking turns copying each others' movement.


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 \$40,000 for 3-month venue + logistics

 1,500 sq. ft. minimum gallery space
Minimum floor space to store carts: 400 sq. ft.
3-5 days estimated for installation and take-down
Minimum ceiling height: 10 ft.

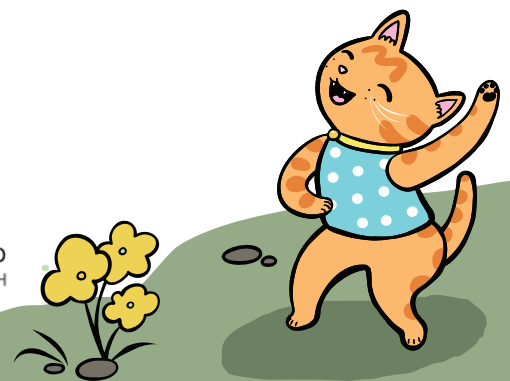
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