

Education Guide

At the Koch Family Children's Museum of Evansville, we believe in the power of play as a fundamental tool for learning. We're looking for a passionate, creative individual to join our team as an Education Guide! This role offers an exciting opportunity to support open-ended, child-directed educational play in our dynamic museum spaces. As an Education Guide, you'll be a key player in creating a welcoming and engaging environment for children, families, and educators alike, aligning with the museum's mission to nurture curiosity, creativity, and learning through play.

What You'll Do

As an Education Guide, your day will be filled with hands-on, meaningful experiences that inspire young minds and build connections. Here's a snapshot of what you'll be responsible for:

- **Facilitate Early Learning Programs:** Lead educational programs that focus on informal learning, child development, and play-based education. Engage children in interactive, hands-on activities that align with our exhibits, fostering curiosity and critical thinking.
- **Encourage Play-Based Learning:** Help facilitate children to engage in open-ended, freely chosen, and personally directed play. Model creative, respectful interactions with children and guide them through their learning journeys.
- **Engage with Families and Educators:** Create an inclusive, supportive environment for adults and caregivers, engaging them in meaningful interactions and encouraging them to participate in their children's play and learning experiences.
- **Design Interactive Activities:** Plan and support/facilitate hands-on activities, including guided play sessions, sensory-friendly experiences, story times, and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) challenges tailored for various age groups and learning needs.
- **Foster Literacy and Socio-Emotional Development:** Integrate early literacy, numeracy, and social-emotional learning into all programming, ensuring that every child has access to a rich, educational experience.
- **Collaborate with the Team:** Work closely with fellow museum staff, educators, and caregivers to develop early learning curricula, daily programming, workshops, refine family engagement strategies, and continuously improve our offerings.

- **Reflect and Grow:** Participate in daily reflective practice, sharing insights, observing children’s play, and adjusting programs to ensure inclusivity and developmentally appropriate experiences.
- **Support Museum Operations:** Ensure a clean, safe, and welcoming environment for visitors. Assist with museum events, including camps, workshops, after-hours programming, and outreach initiatives. Provide exceptional customer service to all visitors, troubleshoot any issues, and maintain the museum’s standards.

Who You Are

We’re looking for team players who are passionate about education, play, and creating positive experiences for children and families. If you thrive in a dynamic, hands-on environment, we want you to apply! Here’s what we’re looking for:

- A genuine love for working with children and families in an educational setting.
- Knowledge of child development and best practices in informal learning and play-based education.
- Strong communication skills, with the ability to engage and connect with diverse audiences.
- The ability to adapt and create inclusive programming that meets the needs of children of all abilities.
- A collaborative spirit and the ability to work with a diverse team.
- Excellent customer service skills, with a focus on problem-solving and ensuring positive visitor experiences.
- Flexibility to work weekends, holidays, and occasional evenings as needed.
- Prior experience in early childhood education or a related field is a plus!

Why Join Us?

At the Koch Family Children’s Museum of Evansville, you’ll be part of a passionate team dedicated to making a difference in the lives of children and their families. You’ll gain hands-on experience in educational programming, have the opportunity to develop your skills in a supportive and creative environment, and make meaningful contributions to our mission.

If you're ready to inspire and create joy through play, we encourage you to apply today by emailing your resume to ewdrinkwater@cmoekids.org!