

National Children's Museum

National Harbor, MD



The spirit of play around the world

The National Children's Museum contracted AldrichPears to design their Our World gallery. The goal of the gallery is to engage families in exploring the geographical and cultural landscape of our planet. Experiences focus on children 8 years and older.

APA's conceptual approach fosters awareness of the differences and similarities among people, places and cultures around the world. The concept aims to develop children's curiosity and help them understand themselves and their place on our planet. The approach emphasizes interpretive experiences that help children make connections with other cultures. Families can listen to the sounds of a streetscape in Mumbai and Paris. They can learn traditional dances performed during festivals in China and Spain. Families can also discover how children in Madagascar and Zimbabwe get to school.

Pedagogical theory and practice related to development of children's cognitive, physical, emotional, civic and social skills informed all experiences.

