



Resources

In addition to our webinar series, we've compiled a set of resources to support your efforts to create welcoming and engaging learning experiences for youth and families.

Understanding Audiences & Learning

Visitor Motivations

Overview of the identity-related reasons people visit natural, cultural, and heritage sites

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/hia-visitor-motivations> (PDF)

Learning & Developmental Milestones for Youth and Adults

Primer on characteristics of learners by age bands with tips for teaching

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/hia-learning-milestones> (PDF)

Theories of Learning

Quick guide to the big ideas of notable educational theorists with recommended readings

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/hia-learning-theories> (PDF)

Developing School Programs

Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Curriculum Frameworks

Webpage featuring links to curriculum frameworks including for Arts, History and Social Science, Science and Technology/Engineering, and English Language Arts and Literacy

Link: <https://www.doe.mass.edu/frameworks/current.html>

New Hampshire Department of Education College and Career Ready Standards

Webpage featuring links to college and career ready standards including for Arts Education, Social Studies, Science, and English Language Arts

Link: <https://www.education.nh.gov/who-we-are/division-of-learner-support/bureau-of-instructional-support/career-and-college-ready-standards>

Roles within the School System

Overview of responsibilities of various positions in a school district

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/hia-school-system-roles> (PDF)

Organizational Assets Brainstorm

Worksheet to help brainstorm how organizational spaces, collections, and expertise can support school program development

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/hia-organizational-assets> (PDF)

Logistics to Consider for Hosting Youth at Your Site

Tool for assessing your site's readiness for hosting student groups

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/hia-logistics-hosting-youth> (PDF)

Toolbox for Museum School Programs

Comprehensive guide to developing school programs developed by the Nova Scotia Museum

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/hia-museum-school-programs> (PDF)

Engaging Youth & Families

Engage Families! A project of the USS Constitution Museum

Website featuring tested tools and strategies to develop exhibits and programs that actively engage adults and children together

Link: <https://engagefamilies.org/>

Engage Families! Design Strategies Worksheet

Worksheet to help integrate family-friendly strategies into your programs

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/hia-design-strategies> (PDF)

Kids & Their Grownups: New insights on developing dynamic experiences for the whole family, a report from the Denver Art Museum

Report on findings and lessons learned from IMLS-funded project to engage families in museums

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/hia-kids-and-their-grownups> (PDF)

(Re) Frame: The Case for New Language in the 21st-Century Museum Exhibition Journal, Spring 2016

Article outlining welcoming communication strategies including a guide to Family-Inclusive Language

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/hia-new-language> (PDF)

Visitor to Visitor Learning: Setting Up Open-Ended Inquiry in an Unstaffed Space open access article and Reader Guide Journal of Museum Education, Volume 43, Number 4, December 2019, pp. 306-315.

Article sharing strategies for creating self-guided learning activities for families

Links: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/10598650.2018.1522127#d1e107> and <https://tinyurl.com/hia-visitor-visitor-learning> (PDF)

**Creating Accessible Experiences for All
Mass Cultural Council Access 101 Overview**

Slide presentation from our September 23rd webinar including resource list on slides 28-29

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/hia-mcc-access-101> (PDF)

Arts & Culture Accessibility Hub: A Project of Open Door Arts

Organization providing arts and culture organizations with information, resources, training, and experts to increase accessibility, including a comprehensive Self-Assessment Tool

Links: <https://artsaccesshub.org/> and <https://artsaccesshub.org/assess-plan/>

Universal Design for Learning Guidelines

Educational framework that guides the creation of flexible learning environments to minimize barriers and maximize learning for all students

Link: <https://udlguidelines.cast.org/>

Discovery Museum Accessibility Webpage and Resources

Webpage outlining accessibility resources and programs offered by Discovery Museum

Link: <https://www.discoveryacton.org/visit/accessibility>

Funding Sources

Freedom's Way National Heritage Area Partnership Grant Program

Grant program for projects that support the goals and objectives outline in the Freedom's Way National Heritage Area Management Plan

Link: <https://freedomsway.org/grants/>

Mass Cultural Council Universal Participation Initiative Innovation Fund

Grant program for UP Designated Organizations to plan and implement accessibility systems within their organization

Link: <https://massculturalcouncil.org/organizations/universal-participation-initiative/innovation-fund/>

Mass Cultural Council Grants

Complete list of funding opportunities through Mass Cultural Council

Link: <https://massculturalcouncil.org/about/programs-a-z/>

Mass Humanities Grants

Complete list of funding opportunities through Mass Humanities

Link: <https://masshumanities.org/grants/>

New Hampshire State Council on the Arts

Currently assessing their granting programs due to changes in funding sources, visit their webpage for updates.

Link: <https://www.nharts.dncr.nh.gov/>

New Hampshire Humanities

Has suspended their grants program due to changes in funding sources, visit their webpage for updates

Link: <https://www.nhhumanities.org/>