The ABCs of Museum - Children's Hospital Collaborations

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Not All Collaborations Are Alike...
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Healing Through Hands-On Science

- Outreach at Mott
- ScienceFest: Teddy Bear Clinic
- Cross-training Volunteers
Science Museum of Minnesota

Public Programs with Health Professionals

- Social Science Events
- Science Fusion Series
Finding the Right Partners

A - Audience
- At the hospital: patients, siblings, other family members
- At the museum: general public, children, medical professionals

B - Beneficial to Everyone
- Sharing fields of expertise
- Contributing to welfare of patients

C - Child and Family Life Department
- Already invested in educating and supporting patients and their families.
Setting up the First Meeting

A - Assess Key Partners
   • Identify decision makers

B - Build Relationships
   • Build the team and be persistent!

C - Create a Vision Together
   • Gather collective input from patients, families, and museum and hospital staff
   • Partnerships are win-win!
Finding Funding

A - Always Start Local
- Community foundations and local family foundations know your community and your reputation.

B - Be Honest with Funders
- Qualitative vs. Quantitative data

C - Cash Follows Cash
- Getting a "seal of approval" from one donor can lead to additional funding.
Outreach at a Hospital

A - Adapt your activities
  ● Infection control
  ● Physical/cognitive abilities

B - Be Where the People Are
  ● Mobile activities for patients who can’t leave their rooms or are in clinic waiting areas

C - Curriculum Flexibility
  ● Don’t be married to your curriculum. Distraction is important too!
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