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Frist Art Museum

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The Frist Art Museum

Mission

The mission of the Frist Art Museum is to present and originate high-quality exhibitions with related educational programs and community outreach activities.

Vision

The vision of the Frist Art Museum is to inspire people through art to look at their world in new ways.

Identified Needs

- Accessibility assessment of all physical facilities
- Pre-visit materials
- Recommendations for accessibility in the Martin ArtQuest Gallery
- Recommendations to improve assistive technology to better serve all people in the community
- Accessibility and disability sensitivity training resources for security staff

Project Goals

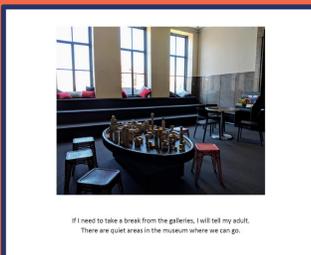
- Review current policies, resources, and facilities at the Frist that support and/or hinder accessibility.
- Develop advanced knowledge of barriers to accessibility and identify museum gap areas through interviews with stakeholders, staff, volunteers, and community members.
- Cultivate relationships with community organizations to explore practices at other agencies.
- Synthesize relevant literature on sensory needs of individuals with autism in a public museum environment.
- Make evidence-based policy and procedure recommendations to support accessibility and inclusion.
- Design specific materials for use by museum staff and visitors (e.g., pre-visit materials, educational resources).

Project Outcomes

- Communicated recommendations for increased accessibility of physical facilities and digital media.
- Met with community leaders and compiled a comparison checklist of accessibility initiatives at other community agencies.
- Conducted review of the literature regarding accessibility in public spaces among a variety of populations.
- Created Museum Accessibility Experience Survey.
- Developed pre-visit materials to be posted on the website as a resource for families (e.g., social stories, visual schedule).
- Made recommendations for sensory kits.
- Attended TRIAD Train-the-Trainer Lab and gained resources and experience to train others in identifying challenges and solutions for those with ASD or IDD.
- Transcribed "Post Office to Art Museum" audio tour and outlined next steps to increase overall accessibility for this tour.

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Frist Art Museum Accessibility Experience Survey

We are focusing on making the Frist as accessible as possible. We would appreciate your feedback on your recent visit to the museum. Your responses are anonymous and will help us create a welcoming, accessible experience for all guests. Thank you!

* Required

Please select all phrases that describe you: *

Individual with disabilities

Family member of individual(s) with disabilities

Disability organization staff member

Advocate for disability community

Other: _____

	The Frist Art Museum	Adventure Science Center	Discovery Center	TN State Museum	Country Music Hall of Fame	Nashville Zoo	TN Aquarium	Cheekwood	The Hermitage
accessible parking	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
accessible building entrance	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
accessible interiors	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	not all buildings
elevator	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	not all buildings
accessible restroom	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
adult changing table			X						
courtesy wheelchairs	X	X		X	X	X	available for rent	X	X
large-text materials	some								X
braille materials	some				X				X
audio tours	X				X				X
language interpretation services	X	advance notice required		advance notice required	advance notice required				advance notice required; print materials available
sensory room and/or quiet space	quiet space available upon request, pending availability	quiet space available upon request, pending availability	X	quiet space available upon request		X	X		
social narratives	in process	X	X	X	in process	X	X	X	X
visual schedule	in process	X		X	in process	X		X	X
sensory-friendly days/events			X	X	X				
visual description audio tour					descriptive guided tour available upon request				
thorough accessibility info on website	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X