

Yale University President's Public Service Fellowship

Proposal for Fellowship Placement • Summer 2021

- Organization: Creating Kids at the Connecticut Children's Museum
- Full street address of organization: 22 Wall Street, New Haven, CT 06511
- Website: www.creatingkids.org
- Name and title of person who will be the Fellow's direct supervisor:

Sandra Malmquist -- Director

- Phone number and e-mail address of proposed direct supervisor:

(203) 562-5437 creatingkids@snet.net

- Placement dates (*8-11 weeks between Tuesday, June 1 and Friday, August 13, 2021*):
- Are placement dates flexible? If so, please describe: We would prefer the full summer, but could be flexible about the final week, if needed.
- Proposed work schedule: Between 8:30 and 5:00 Monday-Friday.

Placement Description

- Organization description:

The Connecticut Children's Museum is an early childhood site serving children, their families, and teachers through myriad programs. The Connecticut Children's Museum provides broad support to local early childhood educators and families. It is dedicated to supporting young children to ensure that they become successful lifelong learners. Providing strong programs that are inclusive of families of young children, early

childhood and school teachers, and family childcare providers is the cornerstone of our work. Housing these programs in a building that is accessible, sustainable, and beautiful sends an important message to these groups about the value of their work.

- **Write a 1-2 sentence summary of the work that the Fellow would be conducting:**

The PPSF fellow would design a website for the Connecticut Children’s Museum, highlighting our many early childhood programs.

- Write a more complete description of the specific project you propose and list the duties/outcomes expected of the Fellow.

The mission of the programs housed at The Children’s Building is to provide all children, their families and teachers with innovative and inclusive, exciting educational programs and learning opportunities. Supporting community-wide early childhood education and the development of early literacy competency are two driving forces of our work. We realize these goals through our many programs, with the Creating Kids Childcare Center providing the template and model for our museum’s Early Childhood Resource Center, the Educational Field Trip Program, Family Visits and the Saturdays @2 Creating Readers Program.

- (1) The PPSF fellow would create a new, accessible website that features ALL of the programs of the Connecticut Children’s Museum.*
- (2) The PPSF fellow would learn about each of these early childhood programs, including understanding the data that illustrates the impact of each program on its targeted population.*
- (3) The Fellow would solicit authentic feedback from participants in each of these programs to amplify the impact of the program.*
- (4) The PPSF fellow would aggregate photographs from each program that illustrate its mission and its successes to be included on the web site.*

- List specific skills/experience required for the project:

*Experience in designing a web site.
Experience with young children.
Interest in early childhood education.*

- Equipment/resources you will provide to help Fellow conduct work:
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The director will be available daily to assist the Fellow as s/he works on this project.

- Briefly describe the work that Yale PPSF Fellows have done with your organization in the past and present. If you have not worked with Yale Fellows, describe any work that Yale students have done with your organization.

PPSF fellows have worked as Student Teachers in the Creating Kids Childcare Center over the course of many summers. Fellows have been important to the development of curriculum, particularly as children prepare to go to kindergarten.

