

## Seeing Joy and Other Social Emotional Moments in Our Museums

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### Resources:

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**Center for the Developing Child at Harvard University** <https://developingchild.harvard.edu>

This site includes articles and resources related to play, mental health in young children, and stress.

**Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL)** <https://casel.org/>

While oriented to K-12 education, this site includes resources related to social emotional learning including training, curriculum materials, and research.

**National Association for the Education of Young Children** <https://www.naeyc.org/>

**Wilkening Consulting** provides data stories about a range of visitor experiences including their perceptions of museums and well-being.

[https://www.wilkeningconsulting.com/uploads/8/6/3/2/86329422/wellbeing\\_data\\_story\\_1\\_-\\_outcomes.pdf](https://www.wilkeningconsulting.com/uploads/8/6/3/2/86329422/wellbeing_data_story_1_-_outcomes.pdf)

**Zero to Three** <https://www.zerotothree.org/>

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