



## The New Children's Museum Preschool Hires New Director

WEST HARTFORD, Conn (August 25, 2015) – The New Children's Museum of West Hartford has hired LoriAnne Crochetiere as its new Preschool Director.

Crochetiere joins the Museum with a rich background in early education. She has worked with preschoolers in a variety of capacities—from owning a family preschool daycare, to working with the Town of Cheshire's Early Intervention Preschool Program.



Crochetiere will dually serve as the Museum Preschool Program Coordinator. She'll oversee all museum programming for preschool aged groups and their families.

Crochetiere looks forward to “collaborating with parents, teachers and museum staff, helping our preschoolers grow into resourceful, inquisitive problem solvers who face life's challenges with patience, kindness and creativity.”

The New Children's Museum Preschool is located adjacent to The New Children's Museum in West Hartford. Preschoolers participate in an innovative science and play-based curriculum, which is enhanced by weekly access to museum offerings. Students enjoy private wildlife sanctuary demonstrations, planetarium shows, and physical science lessons taught by museum educators. The school's philosophy is that early education should be based on play, the method by which children learn most naturally.

Fall 2015 Preschool enrollment is open now, with half-day and full-day opportunities available. For more information or to schedule a tour, call The Children's Museum Preschool at (860) 523-7449.

The New Children's Museum is positioned as a premier STEAM education center, integrating science, technology, engineering, art, and math. Home to over 100 live animals, the Museum features hands-on science exhibits, out-of-this-world digital planetarium shows, and programs for young children and families.

The New Children's Museum and Roaring Brook Nature Center are the region's premiere destinations for science and nature exploration. The New Children's Museum and Preschool are located at 950 Trout Brook Drive in West Hartford and Roaring Brook Nature Center is located at 70 Gracey Road in Canton. More information is available at [www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org](http://www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org).

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