

The first ever children's museum on a military installation



UNIQUE NEEDS OF OUR MILITARY FAMILIES AT JBLM

Many young military families struggle to access resources off base.

JBLM has the highest concentration of children experiencing special needs on a U.S. military base, at 1 in 4.

Military life that includes frequent deployments and travel can compromise children's emotional and behavioral development, and lower levels of parent-child attachment.

Parents often lack a sense of community, including spaces and opportunities to gather.

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM AT JBLM SUPPORTS CONNECTIONS

Working with JBLM leadership and families to tailor and develop programs to best meet the diverse needs of military families and children.

Carefully preparing playscapes, staff, and programs to engage and support children experiencing special needs and their families.

Providing increased opportunities for children to grow through play, for families to connect and strengthen relationships, and for parents to build their social network of support.

Extending access of *Pay As You Will* admission on base, ensuring financial barriers won't limit a family's ability to visit

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The playscape designs for the Children's Museum at JBLM were guided by these design words: ish, funky, whimsical, joyful, connection, safe, inviting, and authentic.

Take a virtual tour at <https://youtu.be/V3q1L0Loy48>



MUSEUM DETAILS

Greentrike has a well-established relationship with both military leadership and military families through its long-running *Play to Learn Pierce County* program. The new children's museum on base will be centrally located within the "Freedom Center," the new town center on Joint Base Lewis-McChord which also includes a spray park, skate park, shopping and restaurants, and movie theater. The Children's Museum at JBLM will be:

- Focused on early learners, with programming to focus on special needs families
- Accessible by bus, with plentiful, accessible parking
- Office space for MWR Children and Youth Services
- A 24/7 neutral gathering space in times of crisis for military spouses and families
- A collaborative opportunity with community engagement organizations currently operating on JBLM

Who is Greentrike?

Greentrike honors children and youth, and champions play. We are a nonprofit committed to access. Greentrike models quality environments, interactions, and advances child centered communities. Greentrike manages and facilitates the Children's Museum of Tacoma, *Play to Learn Pierce County*, Preschool Powered by Play, *Greentrike Cares Kits*, and opening April 24, 2021, Children's Museum at JBLM.

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