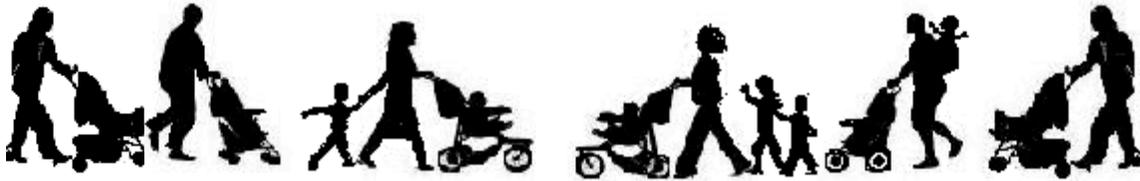


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### Child-Friendly Downtown-Oriented Art and Architecture Programs:

Architeacher, teaching preservation and architecture to K-12. Michele Olsen,  
[www.architeacher.org](http://www.architeacher.org)

ART STARS: RMD Gallery, Rob DeLong, owner. School District (framed student work exhibit and reception program). [info@rmdgallery.com](mailto:info@rmdgallery.com)

CUBE: Box City, Landmark Calendars, lesson plans <http://www.cubekc.org>

Build Your Own Main Street and Build Your Own Lincoln Sites. Cut and assemble cardboard models of real historic buildings. Illinois Historic Preservation Agency and the Illinois Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.  
[www.Buildyourownmainstreet.org](http://www.Buildyourownmainstreet.org).

### Child-Friendly Resources:

What it means to be a Child-Friendly Business: Child-Friendly Initiative organization. Valuable suggestions on how businesses can become more child-friendly.  
<http://www.childfriendly.org/business/meaning.html>

Twenty ways to Become More Family Friendly: By Vicki L. Stoecklin, White Hutchinson Leisure & Learning Group, Kansas City, MO, USA  
<http://www.whitehutchinson.com/leisure/articles/twentyfamfriendly.shtml>

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Carol J. Dyson, AIA, Illinois historic Preservation Agency.  
[www.IllinoisHistory.gov/StartingEarly.htm](http://www.IllinoisHistory.gov/StartingEarly.htm)

City of Canada Bay Child Friendly Guide For Businesses  
[www.canadabay.nsw.gov.au/verve/resources/Child\\_Friendly\\_Guide\\_for\\_Businesses.pdf](http://www.canadabay.nsw.gov.au/verve/resources/Child_Friendly_Guide_for_Businesses.pdf)

### Consumerism and Children:

Nicolls, Alexander James and Peter Cullen. The child-parent purchase relationship: 'pester power', human rights and retail ethics. *Journal of Reading and Consumer Services* 11 (2004) 75-86.

### Child Friendly Downtown Living:

CEO's for Cities: Kids in Cities study  
[http://www.ceosforcities.org/pubs\\_projects/entry/757](http://www.ceosforcities.org/pubs_projects/entry/757)

Child-Friendly City Initiatives and Children's Rights:  
Unicef's Child Friendly Cities Program: <http://www.childfriendlycities.org/>

Child Friendly City of Edmonton Strategy outlines vision, values, and goals as well as the steps necessary to achieve them.  
[http://www.edmonton.ca/for\\_residents/resident\\_services\\_programs/child-friendly-edmonton.aspx](http://www.edmonton.ca/for_residents/resident_services_programs/child-friendly-edmonton.aspx)

### Books:

Ruth, Linda Cain, AIA. *Design Standards for Children's Environments*. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2000. (Graphic design standards for sizing children's spaces and equipment.)

Gleeson, Brendan and Neil Sipe, ed's. *Creating Child Friendly Cities: reinstating kids in the city*. Oxon & New York: Routledge Publishing, 2006. (Looking at the bigger picture. Livable and safe city issues.)

Solomon, Susan G. *American Playgrounds: Revitalizing Community Space*. Hanover and London: University Press of New England, 2005. (The history and future of innovative playground design.)

Lee, Nora. *The Mom Factor: What Really Drives where We Shop, Eat, and Play* Washington D.C.: Urban Land Institute, 2005. (Discussion of Commerce.)

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