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Discovery Gateway Children's Museum and Intermountain Health Announce New Collaborative Exhibit Opening November 2026

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Discovery Gateway Children's Museum and Intermountain Health today announced Big Feelings, Bright Colors, a new exhibit created in partnership with Intermountain Health and Intermountain Children's Hospital. It opens to the public on Friday, November 13, 2026.

Instead of traditional pretend-play settings, Big Feelings, Bright Colors is abstract, immersive and open-ended. Color, light, movement and art become the way children explore what emotions look like, sound like and feel like, so every child can bring their own feelings to the experience.

"Children's museums have long relied on literal, pretend-play environments. Big Feelings, Bright Colors is different," said Kathleen Bodenlos, CEO and Executive Director of Discovery Gateway Children's Museum. "The design is abstract and open-ended, and that puts the Children's Museum at the cutting edge of children's museums and science centers nationally. We are grateful to Intermountain Health for being a partner in this work."

Children will mirror emotions face to face with a friend or grown-up, step into a room surrounded by interactive colors of emotion, play with bubbles, explore a maze that connects mind and body, draw their feelings for a gallery wall, and dance and record their own voices. The exhibit also gives children a chance to connect with each other, playing side by side and sharing what they feel. For parents and caregivers, a feelings wheel and accessible guides offer ways to keep the conversation going at home.

The exhibit is built on the idea that every feeling belongs. The goal is not to tell children how to feel, but to help them see that emotions are a normal part of being human.

The exhibit is the latest in a run of new experiences at the Children's Museum, which has opened a new exhibit every six months since 2021. More details, including a first look and preview information for media, will follow in the weeks ahead.

About Discovery Gateway Children's Museum

Discovery Gateway Children's Museum is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that inspires children of all ages and abilities to imagine, discover, and connect with their world to make a difference. Now in its fifth decade, the museum reaches over 175,000 children, educators, caregivers, and families annually in Salt Lake City, and provides free daily access to 16 nonprofit partner organizations through its Museum Inclusion Fund. The Children's Museum is currently building the Children's Rooftop Garden Exhibit, set to become the largest children's rooftop garden in the United States.