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Learn more about our recent [collaboration](#) with the American Psychological Association at the 2014 USA Science and Engineering Expo!

New Resources are Available!

[Emotion Dolls](#), a new hands-on activity, has been added to our [resources](#)!

Want to Contribute?

Email livinglab@mos.org with your newsletter ideas.

News from the Project Team

Each month the Project Team links to resources on the National Living Lab website. In order to view these materials, you must register and log in. Signing up for livinglab.org is free and easy! Click [here](#) to get started!

National Living Laboratory Stipend Application

The National Living Laboratory team is pleased to offer a limited number of stipends to professionals engaged in a collaboration based on the Living Laboratory model and would like to increase the educational impact of their partnership. To apply, a museum and academic institution must be engaged in an existing collaboration - or intend to establish a collaboration - in the spirit of Living Laboratory in calendar year 2014. [Download the application](#) to learn more!

Scientists and Families Learn Together at Sciencenter

Most weekends at the Sciencenter in Ithaca, NY visitors can meet and talk to scientists from Cornell's Early Childhood Cognition (ECC) Lab. Since our partnership began in January of 2012 we have had ECC researchers on the museum floor for 521 hours and they have engaged with 1,329 visitors.

At the Sciencenter, researchers investigated how children learn to share in a study where some children were asked to share valuable toys with a puppet while other children were asked to share worthless shreds of paper. Those who originally made the more costly choice shared more stickers with another puppet later, suggesting that allowing children to freely choose to give valuable items to someone else leads to sharing more in the future.



ECCL Research at Sciencenter

There are a few aspects of our collaboration that are unique.

Because we are a small, nimble museum we are able to welcome researchers on our floor whenever it fits their schedule. We communicate through a shared calendar, allowing us to use a small space for both museum programs and research.

Each time a research group works on our floor, they bring an extra lab representative to recruit participants and to discuss the research with our visitors.

We are also expanding our collaborative efforts to study how families work together as they learn and to find ways to encourage this parent-child learning. With funding from the National Center for Science and Civic Engagement, the ECC Lab and students from an advanced cognitive development seminar at Cornell are working with the Sciencenter to share research with parents, and to create tools to help parents navigate the museum's exhibits and engage their children.

To learn more about the partnership between Sciencenter and Cornell's Early Childhood Cognition Lab, click [here](#)!

Join the Community!

Living Laboratory® aims to educate the public about child development by immersing museum visitors in the process of scientific discovery through partnerships with local research institutions. Initially developed in the Discovery Center at the Museum of Science, the program receives support from the National Science Foundation under award #1113648. The National Living Lab initiative aims to assist researchers and informal science educators in collaboration efforts that foster public awareness, engagement, and understanding of the scientific study of children's learning and development. There are no costs associated with joining the community or accessing the available online resources. If you have not yet joined, please fill out the online [registration form](#).

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