

TIPS & TOOLS FOR PARENTS: CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL SENSORY NEEDS

VISITING PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER

- **Try visiting the Science Center at low volume times:** When the Science Center first opens or 1–2 hours before closing can be a good time to experience the Science Center without heavy crowds, especially in the Fall and Winter. Pacific Science Center typically is busier with school groups until 2 p.m. on weekdays, especially during the spring.
- **Be mindful of transitions:** Moving from exhibit to exhibit can be a difficult time for many children with sensory needs. Please be aware that there are numerous noise, temperature and lighting changes when going from the Insect Village/Tropical Butterfly House to *Wellbody Academy*.
- Use the developmentally appropriate Pacific Science Center Adventure Planner to familiarize your child with the Science Center before your visit.
- Some exhibits may be loud and distracting for your child, while others offer a quieter atmosphere. Take the time to look over our Sensory Guide and plan your visit according to your family's needs.
- Take advantage of Pacific Science Center's Visual Schedule to plan the family visit with your child ahead of time.
- Take advantage of Pacific Science Center's in-out privileges by getting a hand stamp when you first arrive. You can step out and re-enter the same day if your family needs to take a break at any time.
- Aides that accompany a guest with a disability receive complimentary general admission to Pacific Science Center. Limit one aide per guest.

