



ZOO ACCESS

The Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden, in partnership with Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, has been working to become the most welcoming, accessible, and inclusive Zoo for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

Many Zoo employees have undergone training provided by CCHMC's Leadership in Neurodevelopmental and related Disabilities (LEND) program to better engage with the developmental disability community. They can be identified by the blue strips on their employee badges.

In addition to teaching staff skills to promote inclusion, the Zoo offers adult-sized changing tables, sensory maps, a skip-the-line rides access pass, social narratives, visual supports, and sensory bags filled with oral motor chewy tubes, fidgets, noise cancelling headphones, sunglasses, etc.

A calming room and another family restroom that is sensory friendly will be ready in early 2019.

