



# Policy Brief from the Office of Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner

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**19,769,137**

**Number of children under  
age 5 living in Bronx County**

**Source: U.S. Census Bureau**

- **75%** of brain growth
- **85%** of intellectual

**Development occurs before  
age 5**

**Source: Available research**

## Ensuring a future home for the Bronx Children's Museum

Beginning in 2006 as a series of traveling programs, the Bronx Children's Museum is an educational initiative that has garnered widespread support from the community. Its Museum on the Go Bus is recognizable to all Bronxites that have seen its insightful exhibits in our community.

The Museum is preparing to move into its new home in 2017 at Kids Powerhouse Discovery Center, a building situated in Mill Pond Park.

However, New York City officials have noted that there is a need to alienate City park land or separate this land from the municipality's jurisdiction. This will ensure that the Bronx Children's Museum is able to post signage on the building being used to house the Museum.

## Legislation:

**Assembly Bill A.8120:** An act to authorize the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation of the City of New York to enter into an agreement for the operation of a children's program known as the Bronx Children's Museum in a portion of a building located in Mill Pond Park in the Borough of the Bronx.

## Message from Assemblywoman Joyner:

The Bronx is a hub for diversity and culture. Future generations need to embrace this diversity while also accepting new ideas and concepts, which is why I support the Bronx Children's Museum. The Bronx Children's Museum will empower our community through offering inspirational exhibits about the Bronx, the arts and sciences, the environment and our surroundings. From explorers to scientists or chefs to musicians, the Museum can help all Bronx children transport themselves with the help of museum resources and staff. Bronx children need, and deserve to dream big. The addition of a permanent cultural institution aimed at our developing youth can continue to foster these kinds of ideas.