

Pennsylvania Trolley Museum Achieves Certified Autism Center™ Designation to Better Serve All Visitors

Pennsylvania Trolley Museum earns autism certification from IBCCES to better serve all visitors, including autistic and sensory-sensitive guests.

PENNSYLVANIA, UNITED STATES, March 14, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Pennsylvania Trolley Museum (PTM) officially becomes a Certified Autism Center™ (CAC), a designation awarded by the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES). This certification highlights the museum's dedication to the ongoing professional development of its staff through autism-specific training to better understand and assist autistic or sensory-sensitive individuals and their families during their museum visit.





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In line with their commitment to inclusivity, PTM has a dedicated classroom that will have a cool down space, a mobile sensory exploration station and inclusive materials

such as adaptive scissors and larger writing utensils. Sensory bags that include noise-canceling headphones, sunglasses, and fidgets will also be available for guests. PTM purchased two 3D printers that will enable it to create safe-to-touch replicas of artifacts, museum collection pieces or 3D maps of our campus to be used with a focus on those with visual impairments.



"Myron Pincomb, IBCCES board chairman, commends the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum for their dedication in achieving the Certified Autism Center™ designation. Their specialized autism training ensures every visitor is acknowledged, appreciated and welcomed, shaping a more inclusive community for all."

For more than 20 years, IBCCES has been the leader in cognitive disorder training and certification for healthcare, education and corporate professionals around the globe. IBCCES created programs specifically for hospitality and recreational organizations, such as hotels, theme parks, museums and other attractions so staff would be more knowledgeable and other accommodations could be offered to this growing, but underserved, part of the community. IBCCES is the only credentialing board offering these types of programs, which include training from subject matter experts and autistic self-advocates, as well as long-term support, continuous learning and more.

IBCCES also created <u>AutismTravel.com</u>, a free online resource for parents that lists certified locations and professionals. Each organization listed on the site has met Certified Autism Center™ (CAC) requirements.

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About Pennsylvania Trolley Museum

Established in 1954, the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum is dedicated to preserving and perpetuating its collection of historic transportation equipment, artifacts and archives and utilizing the collection and other resources to provide an unparalleled immersive experience that brings the technology and culture of the Trolley Era alive through entertaining, educational, and diverse programming. It is committed to enhancing the knowledge of transportation technology and culture to educate and inspire future generations of innovators.

About IBCCES

Committed to providing The Global Standard for Training and Certification in The Field of Cognitive Disorders – IBCCES provides a series of certifications that empower professionals to be

leaders in their field and improve the outcomes for the individuals they serve. These programs are recognized around the world as the leading benchmark for training and certification in the areas of autism and other cognitive disorders.

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