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## Family Discovery Room Fact Sheet

The Family Discovery Room makes ecology approachable for young learners Pre-K to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade by linking it to an environment they recognize: the Home. Homes are good, familiar places to explore habitats. Books, toys, puppets and crafts reinforce the learning-fun connection. Staffed with educators to maximize the experience, the Home Zone includes a kitchen, living room, bedroom and backyard.

Discovery rooms are adjacent to each permanent gallery (*World of Life, Creative World*) in the Science Center and are designed for parents and caregivers with young children.

### Exhibit Highlights:

- Explore how our human habitat provides us with food, water and shelter.
- Discover the ways pets and pests like cockroaches, mice and worms use our homes to develop habitats of their own.
- Find out what kinds of birds could be living in your backyard and see the nests they call home.

(\*For a description of Discovery Room plants and animals, see fact sheets for **Plants** and **Animals**.)

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