KidSenses Children's Museum

Grant funds broadened the reach of the educational outreach programs, which included in-house field trip experiences with curriculum-based workshops, Science on the Move and Museum on the Go outreach programs, featured programs, and special events. Outreach programs are designed to meet the needs of elementary school students in Western North Carolina for interactive, science-based instruction. From July 2012 to December 2012, approximately 5,260 students participated in the museum's student outreach programs, and museum staff facilitated 169 assembly programs, hands-on workshops, discovery labs, featured programs, garden workshops, and planetarium programs. An additional 21 program awareness opportunities (e.g., television appearances, education expos, field trip fairs, festivals, regional school district conferences, and teacher professional development workshops) were scheduled by the museum in an effort to showcase the museum's new outreach programs. Seven counties (Buncombe, Burke, Cleveland, McDowell, Henderson, Polk, and Rutherford) were served by the program.