



CREATURE FEATURE

OUTCOMES-2014

PRIMARY OUTCOMES

- Strengthen children's comfort around live animals, and ability to interact with them safely and respectfully.
- Children develop sense of empathy through experiences that allow them to see the world from animals' perspective.
- Caregiver has increased understanding of the value of the connection between animal experiences and increased empathy.
- Caregiver has increased understanding of the value of school readiness skills such as lining up, taking turns and following directions.
- Caregiver has increased opportunities to observe how to engage children with nature in age appropriate ways.

SECONDARY OUTCOMES

- Caregivers are more likely to use behaviors and interactions modeled by presenters with their children while visiting the zoo and off zoo grounds.
- Caregivers (including those who haven't done so before) are more likely to sign their child up for further activities or attend family events at the Zoo.

Target Length: 10-15 minutes

Tips for Presenters:

- **Socioemotional needs**
 - At beginning of program introduce yourself and explain what the program is, what will happen, their roles (if necessary).
 - Allow time for transitions. Get your wiggles out and then calming breaths before animal comes out.
- **Modeling**
 - Show appropriate behavior that caregivers can model with their kids.
 - Demonstrate how to touch animals gently with one or two fingers,
- **Set limits**
 - Select someone to be first in line.
 - Safety/rules when live animal is out. Stay seated until instructed otherwise.
 - Make sure to come up one at a time for the touch opportunity.
 - Ask for caregivers help with children sitting still and with making line.