

CAREGIVER CONNECTION CARD

Young Audiences of Louisiana's   
**ARTSPRAY!™**  
 Presented by The Helis Foundation

**Audubon Zoo**

Imaginative Play

The land of make-believe can make the boring exciting and old things appear new. Play empowers children to take part in the world they see around them, even if it does not mirror their everyday experiences. Children can try out new emotions and make important decisions—whether they are pretend or practical ones—to perpetuate play. Either way, \*they\* define the rules and when they can make these creative decisions in their imagined world, it transfers to creative and critical thinking in their real world.

**Tips to Connect**

Put away the electronics and fully immerse yourself in their fantastical world. Feel free to add to the experience, but let your children lead the way.



**MAIN PROP**

A stuffed animal

**ALTERNATIVE PROP**

A doll, action figure or anything else your child can imagine!

**They All Ask'd For You**

*Song excerpt by The Meters*

I went on down to the Audubon Zoo  
 And they all asked for you  
 They all asked for you (For who?)  
 Well, they even inquired about you  
 I went on down to the Audubon Zoo  
 And they all asked for you  
 The monkeys asked, The tigers asked  
 And the elephant asked me too

*(move like the monkeys, tigers and elephants)*

Boom, boom, boom, boom, boom  
 Boo, dee bee doo, poo boom  
 Boom, boom  
 Boo, dee bee doo, poo boom