



## Playground Accessibility

To be young is to play. All children deserve to have playtime, play space and toys, toys, toys. The biggest and best toys can be encompassed by a spectacular playground. However, children with disabilities are not always able to enjoy playgrounds especially when they are cumbersome, not fully accessible or too far from home. That's where community based projects and private organizations can make a difference.

Organizations such as the National Center for Boundless Playgrounds and Kaboom! assist communities with getting accessible playgrounds built. There may even be some government support available in your area through educational funds and city block grants. Start with your local school district, city government and civic groups. And don't forget to play around with the websites in this section.

### Web Sites

<http://www.access-board.gov/play>

#### **Access Board: ADA Accessibility Guidelines for Play Areas**

This site presents guidelines for play areas that the Access Board developed under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

<http://www.boundlessplaygrounds.org>

#### **Boundless Playgrounds**

1032 Chapel Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

New Haven, CT 06510

Phone: 203-562-6000

Boundless Playgrounds is a nonprofit organization that has developed over 200 truly inclusive playgrounds. The site lists information on Boundless Playgrounds open in 34 states and two Canadian provinces.

<http://kaboom.org/>

#### **KaBOOM!**

4455 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite B100

Washington, D.C. 20008

Phone: 202-659-0215

E-mail: [help@kaboom.org](mailto:help@kaboom.org)

KaBOOM! is a national non-profit dedicated to saving play for America's children. The organization constructs playspaces using a community-build model and shares the knowledge and tools needed for anyone to find, improve, and/or build playgrounds on their own.

<http://www.indiana.edu/~nca/playgrounds/play-areas.shtml>

**National Center on Accessibility: Access to Play Areas**

The *Access to Play Areas* publication is designed to assist park and recreation professionals, designers and consumers in creating inclusive play environments for children with and without disabilities.

<http://www.uni.edu/playground/>

**National Program for Playground Safety (NPPS)**

University of Northern Iowa  
Human Performance Center 103  
Cedar Falls, IA 50614-0618  
Phone: 800-554-PLAY (Toll-free)

E-mail: [playground-safety@uni.edu](mailto:playground-safety@uni.edu)

NPPS helps the public create, renovate, and maintain safe and developmentally appropriate play environments for children by providing professional, well-researched, highly informative, practical and user-friendly services and programs.

<http://www.forallkids.org/>

**Rosie's For All Kids Foundation** is just that - for all kids, because every child deserves to feel loved, to be safe, to have opportunities for a better future, to know that there will always be someone to care for them, no matter what. Every child deserves a bright beginning and a chance to make his or her own dreams come true.

<http://www.shanesinspiration.org/>

**Shane's Inspiration**

15213 Burbank Boulevard  
Sherman Oaks, CA 91411  
Phone: 818-988-5676, 888-617-4263 (Toll-free)

The mission of Shane's Inspiration is to create Universally Accessible Playgrounds and programs that integrate children of all abilities socially, physically and emotionally, fostering acceptance, friendship and understanding.

<http://webixi.com/tristansplayground>

**The TMS Foundation / Tristan's Playground**

Phone: 302-670-2363  
The TMS Foundation is a non-profit organization that focuses on building fully accessible playgrounds. These playgrounds will start in the New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Delaware areas and reach across the nation.

<http://www.treehouses.org/>

**The Treehouse Guys**

Phone: 802-793-8880

The Treehouse Guys (formerly Forever Young Treehouses) design and build universally accessible treehouses for public parks and for private camps and backyards.

<http://www.playgrounddirectory.com/accessible.htm>

### **The World Playground, Parks & Recreation Products and Services Web Directory**

This page lists manufacturers of accessible playground equipment, accessories, components and products.

The following books are available for free loan from the PRC library. For more information, please see [www.paralysis.org](http://www.paralysis.org) and click *Borrow from Our Lending Library* under PRC Quick Links.

### **Books**

- Barzach, Amy Jaffe and Sandy Tovray Greenberg. **Accidental Courage, Boundless Dreams: The True Story of One Family's Search for Healing After the Death of Their Young Son From Spinal Muscular Atrophy and How They Learned to Deal with Loss By Celebrating Life.** CT: Aurora Publishing, c2001.
- **Play for All Guidelines: Planning, Design, and Management of Outdoor Play Settings for All Children.** Robin C. Moore, Susan M. Goltsman, Daniel S. Iacofano, editors. CA: Berkeley, 1997. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition.

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