

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

Access Board: ADA Accessibility Guidelines for Play Areas

<http://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/recreation-facilities/guides/play-areas>

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

Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation: Toolkit for Building an Inclusive Community Playground

www.ChristopherReeve.org

Call 800-539-7309 for a free print copy of this booklet.

KaBOOM!

<http://kaboom.org/>

4301 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite ML-1

Washington, D.C. 20008

Phone: 202-659-0215

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.

National Program for Playground Safety (NPPS)

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

University of Northern Iowa

103 Human Performance Center

Cedar Falls, IA 50614-0618

Phone: 800-554-PLAY (Toll-free)

E-mail: 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.

Inclusion Matters by Shane's Inspiration

<https://inclusionmatters.org/>

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The mission of Inclusion Matters by 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.

The Treehouse Guys

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

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.

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