



inclusive play design guide™



Six Steps to Inclusion

1) Plan

Build a planning committee from people in the community. Include members of any group expected to use the playground, or whose buy-in will be required.

2) Layout the Playground

Create an entry experience for the playspace. Design an orientation path that surrounds the play area. Arrange play events as a series of rooms, zones or pods around the path. Make some of the rooms active and some quiet. Place the entry way in such a way for users and caregivers to move directly on to the orientation path.

3) Elevated vs. Ground Level Play

Determine how much you want. Elevated play must have a reward; an amazing view and/or several play activities for everyone. Elevated elements should not dominate an inclusive playground.

4) The Cool Piece

Pick the piece of equipment that will be the most sought after on the playground, ensuring that everyone can play on that piece.

5) Choose Equipment

Offer a variety of experiences. For example: swinging, jumping, imaginative play, climbing, and nature play, etc. For each type of play event choose a variety of levels of challenge. Group these play events together so anyone who wants to experience a certain type of play is playing with others of regardless of age, size or ability.

6) Add Support Amenities

To make the playground enjoyable. Add shade, benches with backs, water fountains, picnic tables, and landscaping.

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