

Organizations with a Focus on Play and Playgrounds

American Association for the Child's Right to Play (IPA/USA)

U.S. affiliate of international non-profit advocacy group

The Association for the Study of Play (TASP)

Academic organization promoting scientific play research

Boundless Playgrounds

A national non-profit dedicated to helping communities create barrier-free playgrounds.

Center for Creative Play

A national leader in the design and development of all inclusive play environments, with a mission of promoting the importance of play for all children.

International Playground Contractors Association (NPCAI)

A worldwide partnership formed to contribute to the advancement of the playground building industry by promoting playground installation as a legitimate contracting profession within the playground industry.

International Playground Equipment Manufacturers Association

IPEMA, the International Playground Equipment Manufacturers Association, provides 3rd party Product Certification services for U.S. and Canadian public play equipment and public play surfacing materials in the U.S. We service IPEMA-certified member companies, affiliated playground industry groups and anyone with an interest in playground equipment regulations.

National Program for Playground Safety (NPPS)

Education and advocacy program at the University of Northern Iowa

Out2Play

Out2Play, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to building and refurbishing playgrounds throughout the New York City public school system.

Peaceful Playgrounds

Provides educational materials to introduce children and school staff to the many choices of activities available on playgrounds and field areas.

Play for Peace

Global organization using cooperative play for communities in conflict

Playing for Keeps

A national non-profit organization that works to educate the public about constructive play.

Play Pumps International

PlayPumps International's mission is help improve the lives of children and their families by providing easy access to clean drinking water, enhancing public health, and offering play equipment to millions across Africa.

Project Joy

A non-profit organization dedicated to fostering the healthy development of young children who are at risk.

Shane's Inspiration

The mission is to create Universally Accessible Playgrounds and programs that integrate children of all abilities socially, physically and emotionally.

Playground Magazine

National magazine for creative playground design and standards

Voice of Play

A website sponsored by International Play Equipment Manufacturers (IPEMA) that contains information about the physical, social, emotional and cognitive benefits of play, playground certification and safety standards, a resource kit for parents, and an area to ask questions to play experts.

Organizations About Skateboarding

International Association of Skateboard Companies

California non-profit dedicated to stimulating interest in skateboard products

SPA-USA (Skatepark Association of the United States of America)

Education, information and awareness in all areas of skating and biking

Tony Hawk Foundation

Grantmaking foundation that supports public skateparks, a project of America's most famous pro-skater

Woodward Camps

Activity camps for youth interested in inline skating, skateboarding and BMX

More Organizations to Which Play Matters!

Alliance for a Healthier Generation

A partnership between the American Heart Association and the William J. Clinton Foundation, dedicated to fighting childhood obesity.

Alliance for Children and Families

National membership organization serving child- and family-serving organizations; visit our KaBOOM! Non-profit Partners page for more information!

Academy of Dermatology (AAD) Sun Safe

Information about the Sun-Safe playground program in partnership with KaBOOM!

The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS)

AAOS promotes playground safety and preventing injuries while at play.

American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

National association for natural and built environment landscape professionals

Community-Built Association

Non-profit organization of community-build professionals

National Center for Bicycling and Walking (NCBW)

Non-profit dedicated to creating bicycle-friendly and walkable communities.

National Recreation & Park Association (NRPA)

Membership association advocating the significance of community parks and recreation

National Safe Kids Campaign

National non-profit dedicated to the prevention of unintentional childhood injury

Project for Public Spaces

Non-profit organization dedicated to promoting vital public parks, plazas, transport and markets

PTO Today (Parent Teacher Organization)

Magazine and discussion forum for PTA and PTO organizers

Rescuing Recess

Rescuing Recess is a program launched in 2006 by the Cartoon Network. The goal is to create awareness about the importance of recess as an essential element of the school day.

Sports4Kids

The mission of Sports4Kids is to improve the health and well-being of children by increasing opportunities for physical activity and safe, meaningful play.

Trust for Public Lands

Conservation non-profit focused on community park space, watersheds and historic districts