

ReadyKids Accessible Play

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The ReadyKids logo features the word "Ready" in a blue, sans-serif font, followed by "Kids" in a yellow, sans-serif font. A stylized orange figure of a child is integrated into the letter "i" of "Kids".

ReadyKids



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- The building located at 1000 East High Street was originally renovated in 2009 for ReadyKids (previously a doctor's office). In this iteration of the building, the playground was separated from our waiting area from an entrance road, making the entrance a bit dangerous. There was also no means for parents to supervise kids, as there were no windows or visibility. As such, the playground got little use.
- In 2018, as the need for mental health counseling, family support. and early education services increased, ReadyKids launched a campaign to help increase capacity to serve. During this time, the entrance was turned into a waiting room that directly connected to the playground. This eliminated the safety concerns. There were also large windows installed, allowing parents to wait while supervising kids who wanted to play outside. This also allowed counselors to use the playground as a space during sessions with participants.
- Post construction, the plan was to consult with other organizations to renovate the playground space. Unfortunately, construction completed in January 2020, and the work that had begun could not be completed due to COVID.



A preliminary design sketch to demonstrate some of the possibilities for a redesign of the outdoor plays pace



- KEY**
- ① CHALKBOARD / SENSORY WALL
 - ② EXISTING MUSIC / NOISE WALL
 - ③ EXISTING DECK
 - ④ SMOOTH RIVERSTONE DIGGING AREA
 - ⑤ REST NEST AND / OR SWING
 - ⑥ LOGS
 - ⑦ OUTDOOR KITCHEN / SENSORY BOARD
 - ⑧ BENCH SEATING
 - ⑨ FUNNEL BALL / ACTIVE AREA
 - ⑩ BALANCE BRIDGE
 - ⑪ LOG TUNNEL
 - ⑫ ARCHWAY / ARBOR
 - ⑬ WOOD BRIDGE
 - ⑭ SENSORY LABYRINTH
- NOT SHOWN: CRATES & MOD. FURNITURE

Another preliminary design sketch developed in 2020 to demonstrate some of the possibilities for a redesign of the outdoor play space





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Funds from the project would allow us to create a space that's more inviting and accessible for families and participants. Currently the playground space is only accessible through a parking lot gate, or a door to the waiting room with a 6-12" step down. Both areas are hard to gain access for participants with accessibility issues. The funding would allow for grading and well-defined paths, as well as an outdoor seating area for social distancing or spacing.

It would also allow for the removal of certain elements of the playground to make for a more intentional space and design. Lastly it would allow for the hiring of a landscape architect to help us design and implement a more thoughtful playground for future use.





**ReadyKids
envisions a
world where
every child
is learning,
healthy, and
safe!**

