

NCRPA Promotes Play & Recreation Statewide Training & Funding Initiative



In Partnership:



NCRPA, GameTime, and PlayCore are aligning resources and strategically partnering to promote best practices in parks and recreation, provide quality education, and arm communities with evidence-based resources. The goals of the initiative are:

- Execute state-wide professional development events to offer training opportunities on current trends and research-based practices for play and recreation destinations.
- Turn research into practice to demonstrate NCRPA as an essential contributor to improving the quality of life of children, families, and communities across the state of North Carolina.
- Provide funding opportunities to support the deployment of National Demonstration Sites across North Carolina to create outdoor play and recreation spaces that align with evidence-based best practices.
- Distribute publications and other advocacy tools to further champion play and recreation initiatives and report outcomes data.

GameTime, along with PlayCore's Center for Outreach, Research & Education, will provide statewide professional development services and up to **\$2 million** in matching funds to assist parks in the North Carolina create play and recreation destinations that have been thoroughly reviewed to align with research-based best practices. These projects will serve as National Demonstration Sites (NDS) and serve as national models for promoting physical activity, fitness, nature engagement, and inclusion. These projects will assist in providing outcomes and reporting that will be shared with NCRPA and their members. National Demonstration Sites promote advocacy at the community and state levels, and collectively will provide resources that align with the mission and strategic plan of NCRPA.

Follow These Steps:

Join a Professional
Development Event in
January / February



Write an Essay to
Describe Your
Community Playground
Needs and Outcomes



Submit Your Completed
Essay to
michelle@ncrpa.net



Winners will be
recognized at state
conference 2019

Statewide Training & Matching Funds Application Process

Up to \$2,000,000 in playground matching funds available for approved playgrounds across North Carolina

Professional Development Events:

Attend a Professional Development event and bring research based best practices to your community!

Hosted By	Location	Date and Time
Durham Parks and Recreation	Durham Armory 212 Foster Street Durham, NC 27701	January 30, 2019
Goldsboro Parks and Recreation	WA Foster Community Center 1012 S John Street Goldsboro NC 27530	January 31, 2019
Morganton Parks and Recreation	Morganton Community House 120 N King Street Morganton, NC 28655	February 20, 2019
Winston – Salem Recreation and Park	Salem Lake Marina Center 815 Salem Lake Road Winston-Salem , NC 27107	February 21,2019

Register at: www.gametime.com/NCRPA

Essay Deadline:

Advocate for your community and put your training into action. Write a 1000-2000 word essay to describe your community playground needs and expected outcomes. Submit your completed essay by March 30, 2019 to Michelle@ncrpa.net

Essay Selection and Next Steps:

Winners will be selected and notified on April 9. To facilitate data collection, selected projects must be ordered by July 15, shipped by August 26, and installed by October 21.

Data Collection and Research:

PlayCore will conduct state-wide data collection and gather outcomes to be shared with the community through education and outreach. Initial data will be shared with the community at the 2019 NCRPA Conference

Terms and Conditions:

Matching funds must be used towards the purchase of a qualified playground structure. Other freestanding play products are available at our best pricing through Omnia Partners - US Communities.

Representatives from NCRPA, GameTime, and PlayCore will select qualifying projects to be considered for playground matching funds. Orders must be placed by July 15 through GameTime's exclusive North Carolina representatives, Cunningham Recreation. Funding can only be applied to additional GameTime playground equipment purchases and only in conjunction with the original purchase. GameTime standard policies and warranties as listed in the 2019 Playground Design Guide apply. **Freight, installation, surfacing, and applicable sales tax** are extra and not included as part of the matching funds. To qualify for a 100% matching grant, list price of the qualifying playground system must exceed \$60,000. Matching funds are subject to rounding rules and may vary based on qualified purchase. For award recipients who wish to bring fitness to their communities, separate funding will be available for GT Challenge Course with the funding amounts dependent on the course selected. Preconfigured adult outdoor fitness packages are also available - apply for up to \$12,000 in funding for preconfigured outdoor fitness packages. Contact your North Carolina GameTime representative for a list of qualifying adult outdoor fitness packages. Freestanding playground products available to winners through Omnia Partners - US Communities. No other offer, discount, or special programs can be used with this funding program. All applications must be validated by the project administrator. GameTime reserves the right to decline any application for the NCRPA funding initiative. **Must be an NCRPA member to apply.**