



Play for ALL!



Advocating for Excellence in Play Spaces

June 8, 2017
8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

8:00 AM – 8:15 AM **Registration & Continental Breakfast**

8:15 AM – 8:30 AM **Introduction and Welcome**

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM **Section 1: Lucy Jane Miller PhD, OTR: Analyzing play spaces**
How sensory-based play environments facilitate participation, enhance social relationships and improve quality of life for all: an evidence-based approach

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM **Roundtable 1: Analyzing play spaces in my community**
What elements of your current play spaces enhance social relationships and interactions?
What elements of your current play spaces enhance learning?
What elements of your current play spaces promote physical activity?
What evidence or case stories can you share that suggests positive outcomes associated with sensory rich play opportunities and environments?

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM **Section 2: Greg Miller, FASLA, Landscape Architect with MRWM:**
Reviewing the role of the Landscape Architect and universal design principles. Creating a range of play environments that meet the needs of diverse populations.

11:00 AM – 11:30 PM **Roundtable 2: Creating a community-wide network of play environments that meet the needs of diverse populations.**
What are some successful design strategies that can be implemented in multiple settings? What does an inclusive, sensory, and literacy rich play space include? Discuss possibilities in your community to leverage play spaces as a vehicle to build community participation for health and well-being.

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM **Box Lunch on STAR Sensory Playground and Garden (sign up if transportation is needed)**
Examine the elements of the Star Sensory Playground and compare to your local playground. What universal principles apply to both play spaces? How could you modify your existing playground to increase participation using low cost strategies?

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	<p>Section 3: Sandra Schefkind, OTD, OTR/L: Building a Community of Practice as a Leadership Strategy</p> <p>How to establish common ground with multiple stakeholders (principals, parents, physicians) for learning and networking through community of practice. Building partnerships around inclusive play to promote literacy, to reduce obesity, and to increase social engagement. Learn about AOTA's efforts to build community of practice and ways to get involved.</p>
2:00 PM – 2:30 PM	<p>Roundtable 3: Social Learning about Play</p> <p>Examining Four Simple Questions to begin to develop an inclusive play community of practice Building interprofessional collaborations through conversations and actions.</p>
2:30 PM – 3:15 PM	<p>Section 4: John McConkey, Market Insights Manager and Ingrid M. Kanics, OTR/L, President, Kanics Inclusive Design Services, LLC: Interaction of Design, function, and play</p> <p>Examine the interaction between design (space), function (people) and play in a variety of environments from large destination parks to small neighborhood parks so everyone can engage and play. Explore the mutual benefits of an existing partnership between Landscape Structures and occupational therapy.</p>
3:15 PM – 3:30 PM	<p>BREAK</p>
3:30 PM – 4:15 PM	<p>Panel: Greg Miller, John McConkey, Ingrid M. Kanics, Dody Erickson Director of Special Projects, Dept. of Parks & Recreation, City of Denver</p> <p>Best practice recommendations to launch a new play project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who do you contact to get started? Who develops the project plan? How does the plan get implemented? At what points can partnerships be developed? Where does the funding come from? What additional resources and trainings are available? How can YOU get involved?
4:15 PM – 4:45 PM	<p>Roundtable 4: Personal Leadership Strategic Plan</p> <p>Create a leadership plan: How will you promote play activities and play environments through your actions, words, and collaborations?</p>
4:45 PM – 5:00 PM	<p>Conclusion and Presentation of Participant's Take Away Ideas</p>