

KRPA PROMOTES PLAY & RECREATION



Statewide Training and Funding Initiative



ABOUT THE INITIATIVE

KRPA, GameTime, and PlayCore are strategically partnering to support and promote best practices in parks and recreation through education and funding opportunities. The goals of the initiative are:

[Execute statewide professional development events](#) to offer training opportunities on research-based practices for implementing play and recreation destinations.

[Deploy research](#) to demonstrate KRPA as an essential contributor to improving the quality of life for families in Kansas.

[Provide funding opportunities](#) to support the deployment of National Demonstration Sites across Kansas 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 and up to \$1 million in matching funds to assist agencies in Kansas 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. Projects will assist in providing outcomes and reporting that will be shared with KRPA 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 KRPA.

FOLLOW THESE STEPS

1. Join a Professional Development Event in July (in person or virtual)
2. Write an Essay to Describe Your Community Needs and Outcomes.
3. Submit Your Completed Essay by August 27, 2020.
4. Awardees will be notified by September 4, 2020.
5. Awardees will be recognized at the KRPA Conference & Expo in 2021.

IN PARTNERSHIP:



WWW.GAMETIME.COM/KRPA



STATEWIDE TRAINING & MATCHING FUNDS PROCESS

Professional Development Events:

GameTime, along with PlayCore’s Center for Outreach, Research & Education, will provide statewide professional development services and up to \$1 million in matching funds to assist parks in Kansas create play and recreation destinations that have been thoroughly reviewed to align with research-based best practices.

- 1 Attend a Professional Development Event:**
Visit www.gametime.com/krpa for the registration link and overview of agenda. Due to the recommendations from the CDC, space is limited. You can also join the professional development event virtually, on August 4 . When registering, select "virtual session". You will receive all requirements to participate to earn CEUs, and learn more about how you can apply for matching funds. If attending the in-person events, you will receive an email with information on the precautions PlayCore, KRPA and the host sites will make to ensure a healthy and safe environment.
- 2 Put Training into Action and Submit Funding Application:** Advocate for your community and put your training into action. Write a 1000-2000 word essay to describe your community playground needs, partnership opportunities, goals, and expected outcomes. Submit your completed essay by August 27, 2020 at www.gametime.com/krpa.
- 3 Awardees Selected:**
Awardees will be selected and notified on September 4, 2020. To facilitate data collection, selected projects must be ordered by October 30, 2020, shipped December 4, 2020, and installed by January 8, 2021.
- 4 Data Collection and Research:**
PlayCore will facilitate state-wide data collection and gather outcomes to be shared with the community through education and outreach. Awardees will be recognized and initial data will be shared at the 2021 state 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. Representatives from KRPA, GameTime, and PlayCore will select qualifying projects to be considered for playground matching funds. Orders must be placed by October 30, 2020 through GameTime’s exclusive Kansas representative - 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 2020 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 with Cash with Order terms. 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 \$12,500 in funding for preconfigured outdoor fitness packages. Contact your Kansas GameTime representative (Cunningham Recreation) for a list of qualifying adult outdoor fitness packages. Freestanding playground products available to winners through Omnia Partners. 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 KRPA funding initiative.

Attend a Professional Development Event:

July 28, 2020

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Mulvane Rec Commission
623 E Mulvane St
Mulvane, KS 67110

July 29, 2020

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Friendship Center
746 Commanche Ave.
Salina, KS 67401

July 30, 2020

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

The Elmridge Room
17501 Midland Dr.
Shawnee, KS 66203

August 4

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Virtual Training

In-person events will adhere to the recommendations from the CDC and WHO. Prior to the event, we will email registered attendees a list of all protocols, along with requirements for each attendee. Thank you for your cooperation.

Email Kathryn.Barnes@gametime.com for questions or concerns.

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Parks are essential to creating healthier, happier societies across generations. The interactive education symposiums will help participants effectively fuel their community's passion for play and recreation and empower stakeholders to champion high-quality outdoor play and recreation environments that meet the diverse needs of children, families, and communities in these modern times. Unique evidence-based design considerations and leadership case examples will demonstrate how communities can thoughtfully impact health and wellness, collect meaningful data to share outcomes, and create outdoor destinations that intentionally promote multi-generational physical activity, foster inclusion, and infuse nature into the everyday spaces of childhood. Join us to share your vision, discover best practices, and turn research into practice in our collective effort to improve the quality of life across Kansas. Register at www.gametime.com/krpa

Learning Objectives:

- Develop an action plan to advocate the value of play and recreation as an essential service and catalyst to a healthier and happier society.
- Summarize research-based design best practices to create high-quality outdoor play and recreation destinations.
- Discuss model projects, positive community outcomes, and the health and wellness benefits of inclusion, physical activity, and nature.

AGENDA (JULY 14 - 16)

- 11:00 - 11:15 AM Registration and Boxed Lunch Pickup
- 11:15 - 11:30 AM Welcome, Introductions, & KRPA Statewide Initiative Overview
- 11:30 - 1:00 PM Words on Play: Fuel Your Community's Passion for Play and Recreation
- 1:00 - 1:15 PM Action Planning & Discussion
- 1:15 - 1:30 PM KRPA Statewide Initiative Funding Overview & Process
- 1:30 - 2:00 PM Survey and Closing

Lunch, educational resources, and continuing education units/certificates of completion will be provided at no cost. CEUs will be provided for a total of .2 CEU IACET/ 2.0 LU AIA/ 2.0 Professional Development Hours (PDH) LA CES. Learners receiving CEUs must meet the criteria for participation and achievement of learning objectives. For more information regarding this event or CEUs contact core@playcore.com.

AGENDA (JULY 21 VIRTUAL TRAINING)

- 11:00 - 11:15 AM Introductions, & KRPA Statewide Initiative Overview
- 11:15 - 12:15 PM Words on Play: Fuel Your Community's Passion for Play and Recreation
- 12:15 - 12:30 PM Action Planning & Discussion
- 12:30 - 12:45 PM KRPA Statewide Initiative Funding Overview & Process
- 12:45 - 1:00 PM Final Thoughts & Closing

Lunch certificate, educational resources, and continuing education units/certificates of completion will be provided at no cost. CEUs will be provided for a total of .15 CEU IACET/ 1.5.0 LU AIA/ 1.5 Professional Development Hours (PDH) LA CES. Learners receiving CEUs must meet the criteria for participation and achievement of learning objectives. For more information regarding this event or CEUs contact core@playcore.com.



Physical Distancing Guidelines for In-person Events

KRPA, GameTime, PlayCore and Cunningham Recreation are committed to following the protocols established by the CDC and World Health Organization regarding safe social distancing and this heightened awareness of public safety. To safely host these meaningful educational and networking events for attendees, we will be following the protocols below. Please read carefully before registering.

Event Protocol

- Taped markers the entrance to promote physical distancing for admission in case of lines. There will be a separate designated entrance and exit. Into the meeting room/space.
- Frequent disinfection of all high-touch areas.
- Tables and attendees will be spaced six feet apart.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be available at each table.
- All tables faced in one direction in alignment with 6' physical distancing guidelines.
- Food will be individually boxed, and handed out to eliminate lines.
- These guidelines posted at entrance and throughout venue.

Personal Hygiene Protocol

- Do not attend if you are not feeling well, or have a fever.
- All attendees are highly encouraged to wear a mask. Masks will be provided at the door.
- Do not shake hands or stand closer than 6ft to other attendees.
- Please cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or elbow when coughing or sneezing, then throw tissue away in the provided receptacles.