

TRAPS PROMOTES COMMUNITY HEALTH AND INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS FOR PLAY

Statewide Training and Funding Initiative



ABOUT THE INITIATIVE

TRAPS, GameTime, and PlayCore are aligning resources and strategically partnering to promote community health and wellness throughout the state of Texas. Through this initiative, we invite park & recreation professionals, education professionals, planning and design professionals, and community partners to join and learn about current trends and research-based best practices for play and recreation destinations.

The goals of the initiative are:

Educate: Offer statewide training opportunities on research-based practices for creating high quality play and recreation destinations.

Advocate: Demonstrate how TRAPS and parks and recreation are essential contributors to improving the quality of life of children, families, and communities across the state of Texas.

Collaborate: Facilitate strategic partnerships and identify funding opportunities to promote community health and wellness. Discuss how innovative partnerships, including schools, park and recreation, and community advocates, can work together to build stronger communities through the power of play and recreation.

Fund: Provide funding opportunities to support the deployment of National Demonstration Sites across Texas to create projects of excellence that support physical activity, inclusion, and engagement with nature.

Research: Capture community vitality outcomes, compiled in site-specific data reports, to help showcase user and community benefits as related to project goals and future priorities.

Celebrate: Distribute ongoing communications, provide opportunities to share community impact, and engage with PlayCore's scholar network. Your leadership will be recognized for championing high quality play and recreation initiatives across Texas.

FOLLOW THESE STEPS

1. Join a Professional Development Event in March/April.
2. Write an Essay to Describe Your Community Needs and Outcomes.
3. Submit Your Completed Essay to michalannelord@traps.org by May 7, 2019.
4. Awardees Will Be Recognized at State Conference in 2020.



IN PARTNERSHIP:



WWW.GAMETIME.COM/TRAPS



STATEWIDE TRAINING & MATCHING FUNDS PROCESS

Professional Development Events:

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

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Attend a Professional Development Event:

Visit www.gametime.com/traps for registration link and overview of agenda.

2

Put Training to 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 May 07, 2019 to admin@traps.org. Visit www.gametime.com/traps to download application.

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Awardees Selected:

Awardees will be selected and notified on May 20. To facilitate data collection, selected projects must be ordered by July 19, shipped by September 2, and installed by October 16. Awardees are encouraged to promote data collection at project site.

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Data Collection and Research:

PlayCore will facilitate state-wide data collection and gather outcomes to be shared with the community through education and outreach. Initial data will be shared at the 2020 TRAPS 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 TRAPS, 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 Texas representatives. 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 Texas 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 TRAPS funding initiative.

Attend a Professional Development Event:

March 27 | 9am-2pm
Launda Haus
360 Aquatics Circle
New Braunfels, TX

April 2 | 9am-2pm
Georgetown
Park & Rec
1101 N. College St.
Georgetown, TX

April 3 | 9am-2pm
The Epic
2960 Epic Place
Grand Prairie, TX

April 4 | 9am-2pm
Missouri City
Rec Center
2701 Cypress Point Dr
Missouri City, TX