CPRA Promotes Play and Recreation Statewide Funding and Training Initiative

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Parks are essential to creating healthier, happier societies across generations. CPRA Conference attendees can attend a professional development event on October 9 in Vail. In addition, complimentary professional development events will be hosted on October 22 - 24 in multiple cities across the state of Colorado. These interactive education symposiums will help participants effectively fuel their community’s passion for play and recreation, and empower stakeholders to become champions for high quality outdoor play and recreation environments that meet the diverse needs of children, families, and communities.

Attendees will be inspired by unique design and program innovations, leadership case examples, and strategies to creatively consider the needs and goals of community stakeholders. The content and hands-on learning activities will equip participants in developing strong advocacy messages of how investing in parks and recreation has a positive impact on building viable communities through physical activity, inclusive play, engagement with nature, and play value in a collaborative effort to improve the quality of life in communities across Colorado.

Learning Objectives:

- Develop advocacy messages describing why play and recreation is essential to a healthier and happier society.
- Apply research-based design best practices to create high-quality outdoor play and recreation destinations.
- Discuss model projects, positive community outcomes, and the benefits of inclusion, physical activity, and nature engagement.

PlayCore's Center for Outreach, Research & Education is providing statewide professional development services, and GameTime will provide up to $1.5 million in matching funds to assist parks in the CPRA districts to 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.

Each city's local parks and recreation organization will host the symposiums designed for mid to upper level professionals in the fields of park and recreation, landscape architecture, and education. The sessions will offer Continuing Education Units for professionals and promise to be lively, informative, and educational. Lunch and educational resources will be provided by GameTime and Triple M Recreation.

To learn more about this partnership and ways to attend the events, please visit: https://www.playcore.com/events/cpra
About PlayCore:
PlayCore is a purpose driven Company committed to building stronger communities around the world by advancing play and recreation. The company infuses scholarly learning, through its Center for Outreach, Research, and Education, into its comprehensive family of brands. PlayCore combines best-in-class educational programming with the most comprehensive portfolio of play and recreation products and services to create tailored solutions that match the unique needs of each community served. Learn more at https://www.playcore.com.

About GameTime:
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About CPRA:
CPRA is a dynamic, proactive organization that creates healthy residents and livable communities by promoting excellence in parks and recreation. Our mission is to promote the Parks and Recreation profession and its growth throughout the State of Colorado. Learn more at https://www.cpra-web.org/
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