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POSITION STATEMENT ON ACTIVE OUTDOOR PLAY

Position

Access to active play in nature and outdoors—with its risks—is essential for healthy child development. We recommend increasing children’s opportunities for self-directed play outdoors in all settings—at home, at school, in child care, the community and nature.

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Multi-sector and diverse approaches: community implementation models, capacity building, policy
What are we learning about increasing nature play in Canada?

1. *Flexibility about the nature continuum and an inclusive approach*
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2. Value of partnerships & serving multiple agendas

Dig into Play!, Ecosource, Mississauga, Ontario

Mobile Adventure Playgrounds, City of Calgary, Alberta
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3. **Levers to normalize outdoor play**

*Outdoor Play and Learning, Earth Day Canada, Toronto, Ontario*

*Forest and Nature School, Child & Nature Alliance of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario*

*Play Ambassadors, Vivo for Healthier Generations, Calgary, Alberta*
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4. Just scratching the surface on access and equity....

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