



Support Play

Connect

- Sign up for our newsletters to receive the latest events, news, and updates about play in the Pittsburgh Region: <https://bit.ly/ENewsletter-Subscribe>
- Be part of the conversation when you comment, follow, like, react, and share with us on Facebook and Instagram @playfulpittsburgh.
- Visit our website to view the events calendar and read our news posts to learn more about our work and opportunities to play: playfulpgh.org



Playful Pittsburgh is an initiative dedicated to advancing the importance of play in the lives of all people.

Through this work, Playful Pittsburgh aims to:

- Raise awareness that play is a critical element in the lives of all people.
- Educate decision-makers (from caregivers to policymakers) so that their choices support access to play for everyone.
- Model and inspire play through various activities the actions we hope our broader community will take in their daily lives.

Learn more throughout this document about how you can connect with us to make this a 'Playful Pittsburgh' for all.

Model

- Borrow oversized games and play equipment for your event at no-cost.
- Mark your calendar for the annual Ultimate Play Day event with interactive and playful activities each spring in a new park location. For more information, contact playfulpgh@tryingtogether.org.
- Visit these play spaces in Hazelwood maintained in collaboration with the Hazelwood Initiative:
 - Elizabeth Street Parklet (5102 Gloster Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15207)
 - Hazelwood Play Trail
 - Lytle Land Playground (5113 Lytle Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15207)

Advocate

Recess advocacy efforts (led by Playful Pittsburgh and Trying Together) are dedicated to health, wellness, education, and play, focusing on recess practices and policies in pre-k through sixth grade.

View the Recess Advocacy Toolkit and get started today. <https://bit.ly/Play-Advocacy>.

Learn more about Playful Pittsburgh playfulpgh.org

Join

Do you know an organization that values the importance of play? Organizations can sign on to join us at monthly meetings to share ideas, network, and support playful endeavors. Learn more in this document and contact playfulpgh@tryingtogether.org to get started.

Membership Organization Play Pledge

As a member organization of Playful Pittsburgh, we value play as an integral aspect of life for people of all ages. We believe play encourages empathy, mental wellness, and promotes healthy life skills. We see it as a constructive and cooperative act. We pledge to model playfulness for our community and to infuse play as often and as best we can into the work we do.

Tiers	Descriptions	Description Commitments
Base – Believer ¹	We dream of a world where everyone has access to play.	Sign the Play Pledge Opportunity to attend monthly Playful Pittsburgh meetings
One – Affiliate	We believe in the power of play to positively affect change in people’s lives and we participate in playful events and activities.	Commitments in Base Tier Participate in Ultimate Play Day
Two – Promoter	We believe everyone should be able to play, and we want to promote play as essential.	Commitments in Base–Tier One Promote play via social media and newsletter
Three – Scholar	We believe play is an essential part of life and want to promote and expand the conversation that help people better understand the value of play.	Commitments in Base–Tier Two Commit to co-creating a play-based research to contribute to resources

¹ Although advocacy is a main part of our work, the base tier membership option does not explicitly include this element to accommodate a wide range of organizations who could possibly participate.

Current Member Organizations

Age-Friendly Greater Pittsburgh
Babysitting Logistics
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh
CCAC
Center for Transformational Play
Child In Mind Consulting
City Squeakers
Cultural District
Dragon’s Den
Family Foundations Early Head Start
Fred Rogers Institute

Kaleidoscope Pgh
Kenny’s
Kids’ Chemical Solutions
MAPS- University of Pittsburgh
Matt’s Maker Space
Neighborhood North Museum of Play
Open Field
Pittsburgh Center for Creative Reuse
Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy
Premier Chess

SLB Radio
Squirrel Hill Urban Coalition
The Brashear Association, Inc
The Center for Play and Exploration
The Children’s Museum
The Mission Continues
Trying Together
University of Pittsburgh- Dept. of Health and Human Development
Venture Outdoors
Western Pennsylvania Conservancy



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