ABOUT THE INITIATIVE: TURNING RESEARCH INTO PRACTICE

SCRPA, PlayCore’s Center for Outreach, Research & Education (CORE) and GameTime are partnering through a unique statewide training and funding initiative to demonstrate the positive impact high-quality play and recreation destinations and programs can have on community health and wellness. Participants in the SCRPA Statewide Initiative will be recognized for exemplifying evidence-based best practices in design and implementation and will be provided meaningful data and research findings about community impact. The goals of the initiative include:

EDUCATION

Statewide professional development opportunities will be held to provide relevant and interactive training experiences about how play and recreation are essential to creating healthier, happier communities. Ideal for parks and recreation professionals, landscape architects, educators, and other play advocates, these education events and Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are being offered at no cost through PlayCore’s Center for Outreach, Research, and Education.

FUNDING

Funding opportunities to support the development of high-quality outdoor play and recreation environments will be awarded to communities that seek to serve as National Demonstration Sites. These projects of excellence will implement evidence-based best practices in the areas of inclusion, nature integration, physical activity, and adult fitness. GameTime will provide up to $1.5 million in matching funds to agencies/organizations committed to aligning with evidence-based design criteria.

RESEARCH

Data collection, outcomes sharing, and research findings reports will further champion parks and recreation as an essential contributor to improving the quality of life for children, families, and communities in South Carolina. Awardees will assist in data collection and reporting that will be shared with SCRPA and their members to create awareness, support advocacy efforts, and further the goals and mission of SCRPA.
STATEWIDE TRAINING & MATCHING FUNDS PROCESS

1. Attend a Professional Development Event:
   Visit www.gametime.com/scrpa for registration link, session descriptions, and an overview of agenda.

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’s needs, partnership opportunities, and overall goals of the project. Submit your completed essay by May 1, 2020 at www.gametime.com/scrpa.

3. Awardees Selected:
   Awardees will be selected and notified on May 15, 2020. To facilitate data collection, selected projects must be ordered by August 10, 2020, shipped September 10, 2020, and installed by October 23, 2020.

4. Data Collection and Research:
   PlayCore will facilitate statewide data collection and gather outcomes to be shared with the community through education and outreach. Awardees will be recognized at the 2020 SCRPA Conference and initial data will be shared at the 2021 Carolina’s Joint 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 SCRPA, GameTime, and PlayCore will select qualifying projects to be considered for playground matching funds. Orders must be placed by August 10, 2020 through GameTime’s exclusive South Carolina 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 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. 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 CT 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 South Carolina 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 SCRPA funding initiative.