

Today's Playground

Why isn't it designed for everyone?

A TYPICAL PLAY STRUCTURE



LOOSE SURFACES

Tanbark and sand not easily traversed with a mobility device and impairs breathing for those using oxygen tubes.

RAISED PLATFORMS

Completely inaccessible to wheelchair users and those with various physical limitations.

DEFINED PATHS

Predefined long metal ramps offer little play value or opportunity for creative exploration.

RAISED BORDERS

A raised border keeps those who use a wheelchair or mobility device out.

DULL EQUIPMENT

Unimaginative and standardized equipment is not fun for anybody, and is aesthetically unappealing.

NO GATES

Without perimeter fencing, children may run or wander off into busy streets.

NO SHADE

Plastic structure caps do not provide meaningful shade.

NO GROUP PLAY

This structure offers no collaborative play elements which limits opportunities for any group fun.

NO RETREATS

The frenetic pace of kids running the maze of paths makes it difficult for children with autism to enjoy play here.

DISORDER

Dense structures are overwhelming and overstimulating for children with sensory issues and the 1 in 45 who have autism today.

ONE CHALLENGE LEVEL

Overwhelming and challenging climbing and stepping activities do not consider less daring visitors or those with physical disabilities.

PLAYGROUNDS LIKE THIS ONE DO NOT CONSIDER THE NEEDS OF THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY, INCLUDING:

- 1 in 45 people diagnosed with autism
- Older children, adults and seniors
- Those with physical or cognitive limitations
- Medically fragile individuals
- Blind and visually impaired or with auditory limitations
- Community groups who need a gathering place
- Sensitive or timid children who enjoy quieter play
- Parents and children who need a place to relax



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EVERYONE DESERVES TO PLAY. The first of its kind, **Magical Bridge Playgrounds** are public play spaces that delight everyone. While an estimated 20% of our nation's individuals live with a disability, only 10% of them use a mobility device. That means that the other 90% are living with autism, sensory challenges, cognitive and developmental issues, and complications that arise from aging. They play differently, and Magical Bridge Playground's groundbreaking design considers *all ages* and *all abilities*. With an underlying message of kindness, compassion and empathy, Magical Bridge removes the barriers of today's typical playgrounds and gives everyone a place to play together as never before.