

**Burke.**  
PLAY THAT MOVES YOU.



DREAM. DESIGN. DELIVER!  
**INCLUSIVE PLAY**



# WHAT IS INCLUSIVE PLAY?

## Including and Enriching All Children

Inclusive play is primarily about all children having equal access to participate in play at the local playground regardless of ability, age or comfort-level. While children won't always be able to participate in every activity, the goal is to offer all children a variety of activities at varying levels of difficulty in the same space.

## Inclusive vs. Accessible

Playgrounds that comply with standards addressing routes, surfacing, ramps and ground-level activities are considered accessible. While most playgrounds are accessible, not all are inclusive. Our playground experts are passionate to incorporate play events designed to address the emotional, social and physical needs of every child by building playgrounds that are both accessible and inclusive.



# WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

## Learning Life Lessons Through Play

Play is an essential component in both the lives of children and adults because it directly affects our physical, mental, emotional and social well-being. While play promotes self-awareness, inclusive play promotes community-awareness. Through inclusive play children develop a better sense of value in themselves and others while they grow and learn from one another.

**The benefits of play and inclusion are virtually endless! Through inclusive play, children are able to:**

- Socialize
- Work Together
- Build Confidence
- Learn from One Another
- Build Cognitive Skills
- Share Expectations
- Practice Communication
- Set and Achieve Goals
- Learn Conflict Resolution
- Improve Problem Solving
- Develop Friendships and Social Skills
- Understand Roles
- Improve Physical Fitness



# DREAM....

## Coronado Elementary in Salina, KS

Salina, Kansas is home to a national service organization chapter dedicated to creating mobility and independence for people with disabilities. They provided the vision to bring an incredible, inclusive playground to their city. A multitude of other community champions fueled the donation and fundraising efforts along the way, including the Coronado PTO. The goal was to create a fully accessible playground to include all students at Coronado Elementary as well as the other children and adults in the community. Creating a fun environment for people to gather was of utmost importance.

Accessible Activity Panels

Protective Shade

Seating Area

Ground-Level Ramp Entrance

Social Play Area

# DESIGN....

## FEATURED INCLUSIVE PLAY EVENTS

Flip the page to see the DELIVERED inclusive play space.



ACCESS: ADAAG Ramps



MOTION PLAY: Swings

This ramp system winds around the entire playground from ground-level up to 72" giving all children access to the entire play space. The Trike Trail around the playground allows for great imaginative play with Cozy Corners, a Drive Thru and Gas Station. Burke Turf is the perfect finishing touch, adding seamless accessibility throughout the entire space.



SENSORY PLAY: Drive Thru with Fun Phone



SOCIAL PLAY: Gas Station



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# VARIETY OF PLAY

## Components for Every Child

When designing an inclusive playground, it is important to include a variety of challenging and relaxing play events that so children and their caregivers with different skill levels can play. At Burke, we include a variety of climbers, slides, interactive panels and sensory accessories with every playground we create to allow children with all abilities, such as Autism, Down Syndrome and the visual or hearing impaired to all play together in the same space. It is also important to include a transfer station and variety of ground-level activities like tunnels, activity panels and counters to include those with accessibility challenges.

## Multiple Play Areas

Playgrounds are often associated with active climbing, sliding, spinning and hanging. Don't forget to add areas that encourage imaginative play and socialization like counters, paint centers and sand or water tables. This encourages children to interact and take a break away from the active play area. Having benches or tables with shade close by is also important for playground supervisors and resting children.



# START WITH THE BASICS

## Playground Access

One of the most important aspects of inclusive play is accessibility. An accessible playground provides space that is reachable by everyone, including those that require walkers, wheelchairs or other mobility devices. Accessible playgrounds in the U.S. must comply with current ADA standards addressing routes, surfacing, ramps, access, transfer space, ground-level activities and more.

## Burke Turf™ & Burke Tiles™

A playground surface must not only be safe, but also accessible. Children and adults that require mobility devices will have a more difficult time moving through loose fill surfacing like engineered wood fiber. Your Burke representative offers various unitary surfacing options including rubber tiles and artificial turf, which are safe, durable and extremely accessible.



ADAAG Ramps



Pathways



Transfer Station



Burke Tiles



Burke Turf with Entrance Ramp



# DREAM....

## Northwoods Park - Brooklyn Park, MN

Accessibility and inclusive play is integral to the community of Brooklyn Park. In fact, a great feature of Northwoods park is a wheelchair softball court. When looking to update the play area, inclusive play was vital. They wanted a unique environment where children of all abilities could share in the social and developmental benefits of play.



# DESIGN....

## FEATURED INCLUSIVE PLAY EVENTS

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MOTION: Swings with Tot, Belt and Adaptive Seats



MOTION: KidForce Spinner



SENSORY: Activity Panels

This space was created to allow accessibility throughout the entire play space, including the area around and under the play structure. The Double Wide Ramp system allows for two wheelchairs to pass or move alongside each other. The tunnel and play panel area creates a ground-level play area for all children to socialize and learn together.



ACCESS: Double Wide Ramps



SOCIAL PLAY: Interactive Play Area



MOTION: Swift Twist Spinner





**DELIVER!**



# TYPES OF PLAY

Children with Down Syndrome, Autism or other sensory processing disorders may find it difficult to play and interact with other children on the playground. They have challenges with motor coordination, socialization and imagination. Including different types of play into your playground area encourages these children to play independently or along side others.

## Sensory Play

It is vital to include play events that stimulate sensory activity. This enhances and develops the areas of cognitive motor skills, creative thinking, tactile movement and auditory interaction.

**Auditory:** Burke's Sound Garden is the perfect auditory activity to add to any playground design. Our variety of music play events include drums, a rain wheel and electronic piano sounds. These panels allow children to learn about the fundamentals of music while they play.

**Tactile:** Sand and Water Play is a great tactile play event. We also offer a variety of Interactive panels featuring different textures including a Panel to teach children about Braille.

**Visual:** Burke offers panels and other play events in a variety of colors that provide visual stimulation to children of all abilities.

To learn more about Burke's sensory play events, visit [bciburke.com/inclusive](http://bciburke.com/inclusive).



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## Motion Play

Play events that sway, swing or spin help kids develop necessary perceptual skills, spacial awareness and sensory integration. They can also help to build strength, balance and coordination and best of all, they're just plain fun!



Freedom Inclusive Swing Seat



Novo™ Playful Furniture



Volta™ Inclusive Spinner



PlayHouse



Cruiser Accessible Rocker



# DREAM....

## Family YMCA in Fond du Lac, WI

When the Fond du Lac Family YMCA decided to upgrade their building, they wanted to include an all new play area for the children they teach and care for. This made it important to include plenty of sensory play events that promote child development. It was equally important to include an active play area where children can improve physical fitness, build strength and coordination while having fun just by playing.



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VARIETY: Relaxed Social and Sensory Play Area



VARIETY: Active Play Area



MOTION: Swift Twist Spinner

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ACCESS: Burke Turf Safety Surfacing



SENSORY: Paint Centers



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# DREAM...

## Make Your Playground More Inclusive

Here at Burke, we believe that all children have the right to play together in the same space. That's why we offer an amazing variety of spinning events, swings and play panels to involve everybody on the playground. If you are not ready to replace your current playground equipment, but would like to make it more inclusive, add a Sound Garden, Volta Inclusive Spinner, play panels or sand & water activities alongside your current playground to include those who were not able to play before.



# DESIGN...

## MORE GREAT INCLUSIVE PLAY EVENTS

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Little Diggers



Volito Multi-User Swing



Accessible Reach Panels



Braille Panel

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PlayHouse



Cruiser Accessible Rocker



Volta Inclusive Spinner



# DELIVER!

Volito Multi-User Swings

Cruiser Wheelchair Rocker

LEARN TO READ BRAILLE  
ALPHABET  
A B C D E F G H  
I J K L M N O P Q  
R S T U V W X Y Z  
NUMBERS  
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Braille Panel

Piano  
Drums

Sound Garden

Accessible Pathways





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Volito Multi-User Swing



Activity Table & Benches



NaturePlay Stumps



Cruiser Accessible Rocker



Fun Phone

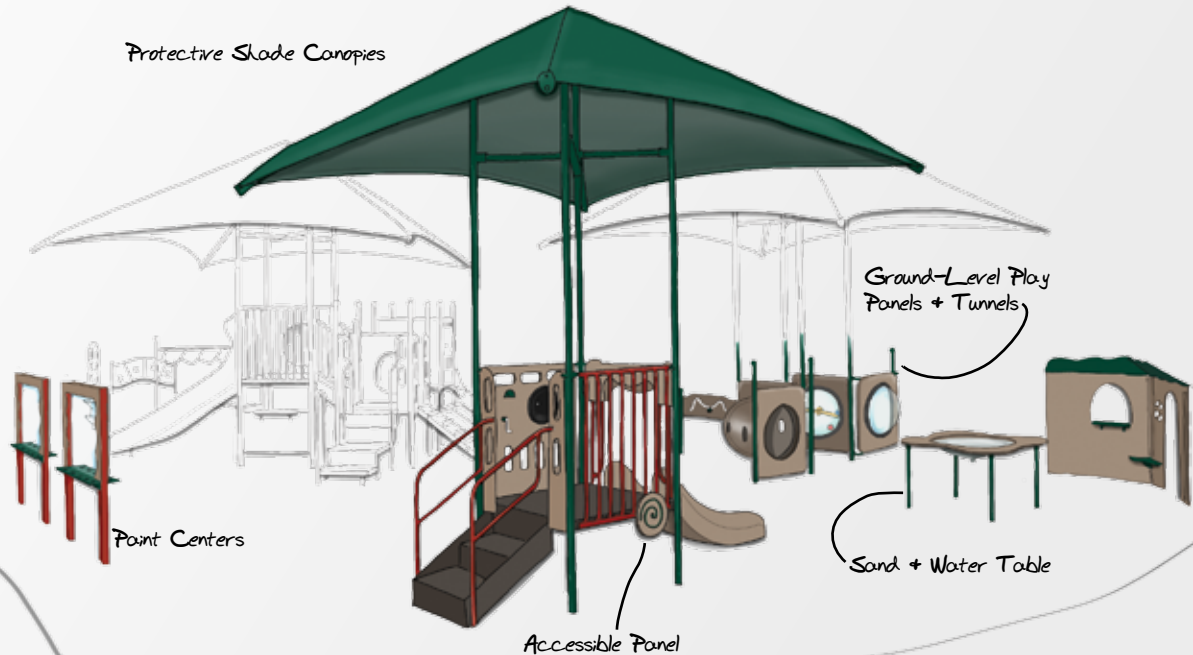


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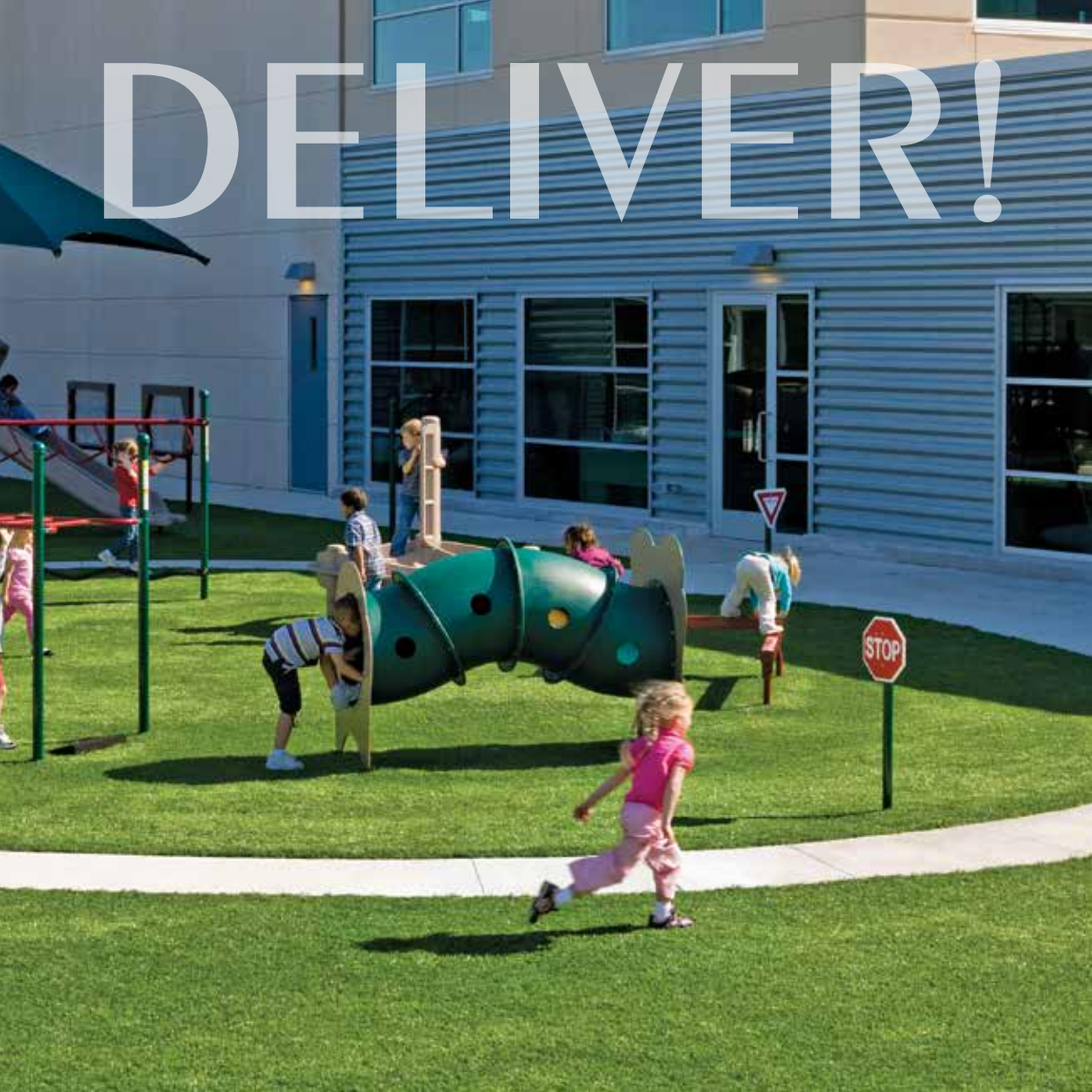


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Sign Language Panel



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