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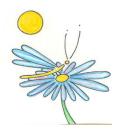




## The Peninsula Parks and Play Spaces Project

Rediscovering Places to Play on the Saanich Peninsula





### **Play Spaces Survey Questions**

Our project promotes awareness and use of our public parks and play spaces for the healthy development of young children (0-6 years) their families and caregivers. This survey will gather community assets and visions in order to create our community play space map and plan our activities. We appreciate your time and attention.

<u>About You</u>
<ol> <li>Where do you live? (Please mark our map on back page with an X)</li> <li>How many children do you have or care for? (Please list ages)</li> </ol>
3. Are you their parent, grandparent or caregiver?
About Play Spaces
1. What is your favourite outdoor space in our region? (e.g. parks, beaches, neighbourhood areas, playgrounds, streets etc.)
2. What parks or play spaces (e.g. community centres, school yards, neighbourhoods, beaches) do you use most often?
3. Are there any barriers preventing you from using these spaces with young children? (e.g. time, support, transportation, cost, etc.)
4. What kind of outdoor activities do you and your children like to do?

#### Your Ideas

1. How could parks and play spaces in our region be improved to accomodate young children and their families?
2. How do you find information about local parks and play spaces?  (e.g. internet, maps, information centres, word-of-mouth, other)
3. Would you or your family enjoy organized play activities in the parks? (e.g. nature, culture, crafts, music, other)
4. Do you have any other ideas, suggestions or questions?
5. Do you have any interests or skills to offer?
Contact Info (optional)
Would you like to receive information from Peninsula Connections for Early Childhood regarding future events? (This information will be kept confidential)
Name:
Address:
Email:Phone:
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- positive interaction between caregivers, parents and young children for emotional, intellectual and social well-being.
- opportunities to connect with neighbours in public and safe places.
- respect and connection to the natural world and the environment.
- building connections amongst "neighbours" and stronger communities where everyone is valued.

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