

Program:

Date:

Time:

of Play Areas _____

Playground #1 Ages: _____ **Playground #2 Ages:** _____

Question	#1	Comments	#2	Comments
1. Public, not home equipment is present.				
2. Equipment and environment appear to be planned and safe.				
3. Play area appears to support the program's curriculum with the use of appropriate materials, equipment, and furnishings.				
a. Includes materials for dramatic play.				
b. Includes sensory materials				
c. Includes materials to support gross motor activities.				
4. Play area is enclosed with a fence directly adjoining the center.				
5. Fence openings are >3.5" and discourage climbing.				
6. Play area is located more than 30' from transformers; high voltage power lines; railroad tracks; source of toxic fumes.				
7. Buffer area between play structures and other play zones such as tricycle paths, sand/water play, ball activities, etc.				
8. Equipment arranged so children do not run into each other when getting on and off equipment.				
9. Equipment pieces firmly anchored to ground.				
10. Swings located away from other pieces of equipment.				

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11. Shade is provided.				
a. Shade provides enough protection throughout the day.				
12. Play area provides 50 square feet per child and accommodates at least 25% of license capacity.				
SUPERVISION				
1. Time of day assessment was performed:				
2. Children were playing on equipment at the time of the assessment.				
3. Staff:child ratio:				
4. Adults were actively supervising the children.				
5. Children can be easily viewed.				
6. Enclosed spaces (boxed areas, tunnels, crawl spaces) have small openings or clear plastic to see if a child is inside.				
7. Area is arranged so staff can supervise children by sight and sound.				
AGE APPROPRIATE				
1. Equipment is designed for:				
2. There is a clear separation for 6-23 months, 2-5 years, and 5-12 year olds.				
3. There is signage to indicate what ages are to play on the equipment.				

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4. There are areas for children to play individually and with a group.				
5. Children are able to develop their motor skills.				
6. Children have access to expressive art activities.				
7. Children have the opportunity to explore nature through a variety of environmental materials.				
8. Accommodations are made for children with disabilities.				
9. Equipment platforms are designed to allow children to change directions for getting off the structure.				
10. There are guardrails or protective barriers to prevent children from jumping off the equipment.				
11. Playground equipment is designed to prevent children from climbing outside of the equipment over 3' in height.				
FALLS				
Type of surfacing material present:				
1. Appropriate surfacing material present.				
2. Proper surfacing within the use zones for stationary equipment. ($\geq 6'$)				
3. Proper surfacing within use zone for slides. $\geq 6'$ all sides $\leq 6'$ high – min. 6' at exit $\geq 6'$ high – min 8' exit				
4. Proper surfacing within use zones for swings. ($\geq 20''$ between swings, 2x top bar to surface ht.)				

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5. Proper surfacing within use zones for bucket swings. (2x pivot to seat bottom)				
6. Height of highest platform.				
7. Type of surfacing material:				
8. Depth of loose fill material:				
9. Surface material is at proper depth.				

Material:	Pea Gravel			Sand			Wood Chips			Rubber			Wood Fiber			Poured Rubber			Rubber Tiles		
Equip. Height	6"	9"	12"	6"	9"	12"	6"	9"	12"	6"	9"	12"	6"	9"	12"	1"	2"	3"	1"	2"	3"
1'	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2'	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
3'	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
4'	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
5'	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
6'	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
7'	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
8'	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y

**Based on depth test results conducted by NPPS. Loose-fill results are based on materials tested in a compressed state.*

10. Concrete footings are covered with suitable materials				
11. Play area free from foreign objects.				
12. Play area free of standing water.				
13. Play area free of animal feces.				
14. Poured and rubber tiles firmly attached to underlying surface.				

Question	#1 Comments		#2 Comments	
1. Components free of broken parts. (List broken parts)				
2. Equipment free of missing parts. (i.e. swing seats, play panels, etc.)				
3. Equipment free of protruding bolts/fixtures.				
4. Equipment and components free from noticeable gaps than can entangle drawstrings or entrap body parts.				
5. Equipment free of head entrapment concerns. (<3.5" or >9")				
6. Metal equipment free from rust.				
7. Wooden equipment free from splinters.				
8. Plastic equipment free from cracks/holes.				
A. SWINGS				
1. Maximum 1 to 2 swings per bay.		___ #Swings		___ # Swings
2. Seats made of soft materials.				
3. No animals figure or rope swings or trapeze bars.				
4. Swings at least 12" from the surface.				
5. Bucket swings at least 24" from the surface.				
6. Swing chains in good repair.				

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7. Nuts and bolts are tight.				
8. S-hooks completely closed so a dime cannot be inserted.				
9. Proper drainage under the swing.				
B. SLIDES				
	__ # Slides		__ # Slides	
1. There is no space or gap between the platform and slide chute.				
2. Slide sides are at least 4" high.				
3. Slides >4' have exit heights between 7 and 15" above the surface.				
4. Slides <4' have exit heights less than 11" about the surfacing material.				
5. Slide provide adequate space at the top to allow children to change directions.				
6. Slides are free pf sharp points.				
C. CLIMBING STRUCTURES				
	__ # Climbing Structures		__ # Climbing Structures	
1. Handholds stay in place when grasped				
2. Equipment is free of sharp edges, splinters, or rough surfaces.				
3. Nuts, bolts and screws are recessed, covered or sanded smooth (no more than 3 threads).				
4. Nuts and bolts are tights				

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D. BALANCE BEAMS	___ # Balance Beams		___ No Balance Beams	
1. Balance beams <12" high.				
2. Balance beams are free from rough edges/surfaces and splinters.				
3. Balance beams are free from corrosion or visible rotting.				
E. SPRING ROCKERS	___ # Spring Rockers		___ No Spring Rockers	
1. Springs are protected from pinching a child's hands or feet.				
2. Handgrips are available for each user.				
3. Handgrips are protected so they cannot create a protrusion.				
4. Metal edges have rolled edging or rounded caps.				
1. Sandbox is located away from other equipment.				
2. Sandbox allows for drainage.				
3. Sandbox is covered when not in use.				
4. Sandbox is free of foreign objects.				

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G. PLAY PANELS	___ # Play panels		___ # Play panels	
1. All components of the play panel are working.				
2. Play panels are free of pinch, crush and shear points.				
3. Play panels are free of head and neck entrapments.				
H. STEERING WHEELS	___ # Steering Wheels		___ # Steering Wheels	
1. Steering wheels completely enclosed.				
2. Steering wheels free of pinch, crush and shear points.				
3. Centers of the steering wheels are protected so they cannot create a protrusion.				
I. OTHER	Items: _____ _____		Items: _____ _____	
1. Manipulative objects are free from broken parts.				
2. Manipulative objects are free from sharp points.				
3. Natural elements (i.e. tree stumps, logs, sticks) if present, are located in areas for manipulation.				
J. EQUIPMENT NOT SUITED FOR 2-5 YEAR OLDS				
Seesaws, sliding poles, chain or cable walks, track rides, parallel bars, cement crawl tubes, long spiral slides, log rolls, free standing structures with flexible components, free standing arch climbers and overhead rings are present.				