PATHWAYS TO PLAY: OVERCOMING NATURE PLAY BARRIERS

**FAMILY BARRIERS**

**Difficulty “Unplugging”**
Bring your smart phone to learn more about wildlife and plants along the way.

**Dirt**
It's natural for kids to explore the world around them, so be prepared with a change of clothes and let 'em make mud pies.

**Injuries**
Nature play allows kids to learn their own boundaries and take calculated risks.

**Stranger Danger**
Join or start a Family Nature Club for fun and safety in numbers.

**Access**
Nature play can happen almost anywhere, from a single puddle to a day at the zoo or aquarium and beyond.

**Time**
Make nature play a priority like any other scheduled event and use the time for quality family bonding too.

**Safety**
Nature play fosters awareness and self-confidence as kids grow and learn outside.

**Weather**
No such thing as bad weather if you’re well-prepared, so bundle up and feel invincible!

**弊害**

**PROGRAMMING BARRIERS**

**Cost**
Collect natural and reusable materials and utilize volunteer resources. Explore opportunities for partnership and sponsorships.

**Upkeep**
Nature spaces are low-maintenance areas where creativity abounds. Messy means children are learning, and guests stay longer when having fun!

**Accessibility**
Exploration is a universal activity. Zoos and aquariums help guests connect to the natural world.

**Liability**
Institutions are built for safety in mind and include staff trained in First Aid.

**Space**
Small areas can be used for “micro-hikes” or mini-gardens while partners can provide larger outdoor spaces.

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