# The Leap Pad

Community Outreach & The Pursuit of Play

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## Kosciusko County and The Need For Play



- Summer vs. Winter
- Available Spaces
- Need in Community
- Other Available Options

### Benefits of Play in Childhood Development

- Benchmarks
- Cognitive Benefits
- Social/Emotional
- General Life

"A child loves his play, not because it's easy, but because it's hard."

-Benjamin Spock

#### Risks of Play Deprivation

- Cognitive Delays
- Physical Effects
- Psychological Impact
- Risk of Violence

## Bridging Gaps in the Community

- Providing space for play
- Economic benefits and impact to rural communities
- Networking opportunities and trailing spouses
- Talent Retention
- Benefit to surrounding childcare options
- Co-op opportunities
- Building the next generation of leaders



#### Design of The Leap Pad

- Site and Space
- Equipment
- Cleanliness
- Maintenance
- Insurance
- Employee/Volunteers





#### Cost Estimates

- Building the Space
- Equipment
- Installation
- Sanitation
- Maintenance
- Employees

### Steps After KLA

Non-Profit	Funding	Building	Sustainability
Winona Lake Parks Department	K21 Health Foundation Grant	Dedication of Space	Rental Space for Costs
WCC	Sponsorships	Plan/Zoning Approval	Employees/Volunteers
New Life Christian Church	Community Clubs (Optimist)	Securing of Equipment	Maintenance
Warsaw Parks Department	Donations	Design	Staffing
Local School System	Northerner Award	Implementation/Installation	Marketing/Advertising

#### Questions and Answers:



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