



# **Application**

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Name of Primary County or COG Applying for Funds: Summit County
Multiple Counties Applying? Yes □No ☑
If yes, the county or COG applying for funds will be the primary recipient of the grant and letters of support from all other entities must be submitted with this application.
Additional Counties: N/A
Funding Amount Requested by Activity
Supported Connections \$228,200.00
Accessible Communities \$430,000.00
Universal Changing Tables \$53,000.00
Community Experience
Unserved and Underserved Communities - Non-English Speaking
Inclusive Conferences and Meetings
Authorization
Name of Authorized Signatory: Lisa Kamlowsky
Title: Superintendent
Signature:



## **Budget and Project Timeline**

Supported Connections- Total Budget \$228,200.00

Expand pilot as described in proposed plan to enhance training for Direct Support Professionals who are supporting individuals with complex needs in order to increase access to their community.

- 1. Cost for two day service staff to achieve Registered Behavior Technician certification-\$6,200.00
- 2. Cost for fifty staff to achieve Behavior Technician status- \$15,000.00
- 3. Cost for one hundred and fifty DSPs to receive behavior support training, to include crisis intervention training-\$45,000.00
- 4. Cost for Board Certified Behavior Analyst to provide staff training, oversight and pilot consultation- \$12,000.00
- 5. Support for (50) DSP staff to maintain Behavior Technician status (monthly stipend)- \$150,000.00

Jan-Mar 2024 Identify candidates for RBT and BT training and training curriculum for all DSPs.

Apr-Jun 2024 Develop training curriculum for BT status and completion of RBT training

Jul-Sep 2024 Completion of initial BT training and staff training

Oct-Dec 2024 Evaluation of training and pilot program.

Accessible Community- Total Budget \$430,000.00

The Hudson Inclusive Playground aims to create a universally accessible and welcoming space that fosters inclusivity, play and community engagement for individuals of all abilities.

The following items have been identified in collaboration with the Hudson Inclusive Playground community committee

- 1. Friendship Swings (2)- \$10,000.00
- 2. Accessible Zip Line- \$75,000.00
- 3. We-Go-Round- \$50,000.00
- 4. Sensory Tunnel- \$50,000.00
- 5. Crab Trap- \$125,000.00
- 6. Accessible Swing Set (Early Childhood) \$45,000.00
- 7. Accessible Swing Set- \$75,000

October 2024- Playground design finalized and play structures purchased.

Feb-Jul 2025- Construction and Grand Opening

Universal Changing Stations- \$53,0000.00

To purchase and install universal changing stations at community locations.

Akron Zoo- \$9,000.00, Foundations Model 100-SSE-R

Lock 3/Akron Children's Museum- \$12,000.00- 1 Universal Changing Station

Akron Civic Theater- \$12,000.00- 1 Universal Changing Station

Akron-Summit Library- \$20,000.00- 2 Universal Changing Stations

Jan-March 2024 Work with each identified partner to purchase universal changing station(s) based on their unique needs.

March-June 2024- Installation of purchased universal changing stations.

\*Lock 3/Akron Children's Museum is currently going through a major renovation. As a result, the table will be purchased in third quarter 2024 and installed early 2025.



### **Proposed Plan (Page 1)**

In Summit County, it is the people's attitudes that drive an ever-increasing inclusive cultural mindset. However, with nearly 5000 board-eligible residences and many critical barriers still excluding children, youth and adults with disabilities, much work remains. Fortunately, several promising strategies supported by Summit County agencies and community members are being developed to address these obstacles, including adult changing tables, inclusive playgrounds, and provider training specific to supporting individuals with complex needs. As a county committed to inclusivity, accessibility and supported connections, this grant has the power to significantly elevate the inclusivity and support needed to effectuate sustainable change in Summit County, Ohio.

#### **Supported Connections**

In the last several years, there has been a concerning trend in Summit County where individuals with complex needs (specifically individuals with intense behavior support needs) have been unable to receive Day Services from willing Day Services providers. The inability to access Day Services may lead to increased social isolation, particularly when limited HPC residential staff are often unable to provide the types of experiences that occur in Day Services. In 2022, Summit DD launched a pilot program with two of the larger Day Service in Summit County. The pilot program also includes Total Education Solutions (TES), a recognized expert in providing support to individuals with complex needs. One element of this pilot program was the identification and certification of staff within the two Day Program service providers to serve as Registered Behavior Technicians (RBT's). The RBT's provide a direct and highly accessible level of support to DSPs who are supporting individuals with complex needs (which was identified as a priority by the Day Service providers). The RBT's receive ongoing and in-depth clinical support from a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) who is familiar with the operations and individuals at these day programs. This pilot has achieved success as evidenced by several people with intense behavior support needs, who had struggled to find long term day service supports are now being served as a result of this pilot. Through the funding awarded as part of this grant Summit DD plans to expand the pilot in 2024 to include the development of two additional RBT staff that are internal to the Day Service providers as well as, the training of multiple day service staff to serve as Behavior Technicians (BT) that will receive enhanced training (8 to 10 hours annually). Additionally, all DSP's within these two Day Service providers will receive enhanced behavior support training, including crisis intervention. Lastly, financial sustainability for the non-waiver cost components of this model will be achieved through the cost savings realized when individuals who formerly received 1:1 or 2:1 HPC residential services are able to successfully receive services in Day Service settings. In addition to the expansion of the Day Services RBT pilot, Summit DD will be partnering with providers of residential services who are actively supporting those with complex needs and/or are interested in expanding their services to support these needs. Similar activities will occur, including the training of staff to serve as BTs and expansion of enhanced behavior support training, which includes crisis intervention. Adding providers of residential services to this initiative is aimed at reducing the need for developmental center placements and supporting those currently residing at developmental centers and other residential facilities to return home to Summit County. In addition to increasing the quality of services for those with complex needs who have struggled to maintain consistent residential supports within Summit County. Please see attached letters of support from partners involved in this initiative.



### **Proposed Plan (Page 2)**

#### Accessible Community

The Hudson Inclusive Playground Initiative (HIP) was conceived in the summer of 2022, following a resident's concern that the Hudson Park Master plan did not address inclusivity for children with and without disabilities. With 1,037 students with documented disabilities in the Hudson Community School District, the HIP aims to create a universally accessible and welcoming space that fosters inclusivity, play and community engagement for individuals of all abilities. In support of the initiative, the City of Huson approved a city park as the site for the HIP and donated one acre for the play space, which includes critical infrastructure improvements and support. The City of Hudson is also proactively working to secure funding through a State Capital Grant in collaboration with HIP. The HIP initiative is spearheaded by a Hudson-based committee of disability advocates, including parents, physicians, educators, business owners, philanthropists, local community advocates, and Summit DD. The vision is to become the first fully inclusive playground in Summit County, setting a benchmark for accessibility and providing a safe and enjoyable environment for children and families in Hudson, and surrounding communities. Please see letters of support from the City of Hudson, Summit County Council and others attached to this grant request. Also attached is detailed information about each play structure outlined in the budget.

#### Universal Changing Stations.

Summit DD has been a leader in partnering with local municipalities and community organizations to build accessible places and spaces. Through these collaborations and the commitment to accessibility by partner organizations the first in the state Accessibility Library (akronlibrary.org/accessibility-library) recently launched. The Accessibility Library has become the main community hub to obtain free accessibility supports and equipment to enhance public spaces and events. As a next step, these community organizations also recognize the importance of accessible infrastructure in these public spaces. Families and individuals consistently communicate that lack of accessible restrooms within public spaces prevents them from fully enjoying these spaces. It is evident that universal changing stations are a logical next step to ensure full inclusivity. Summit DD has engaged in conversations with four community organizations who are committed to full accessibility within their spaces and have identified appropriate locations for universal changing stations. Please see attached letters of support from the partners involved acknowledging their commitment to partnering with Summit DD to purchase and install universal changing stations within their facilities.



Date: 12/6/2023

Dear Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities Representative,

On behalf of Total Education Solutions, I am pleased to provide this letter expressing our organization's commitment to Summit DD's initiative to enhance training for staff that are supporting individuals with complex needs. As Regional Director for Ohio, I have worked alongside the Summit DD team and can attest to their commitment to support individuals with complex needs.

Total Education Solutions is also an organization that is fully committed to supporting the needs of individuals with complex needs. I am fully aware that professionally trained Direct Support Professionals are essential to supporting individuals with complex needs. It is through the support of trained DSPs that individuals with complex needs have increased opportunities to fully participate as members of their community.

Thank you for considering this proposal. Your support will make a meaningful difference in the lives of Summit County residents.

Sincerely,

Tawnia Novak

Director/Co-Owner

**Total Education Solutions** 

Yawnia Novak



Date: 12/06/2023

Dear Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities Representative,

On behalf of Community Connections of Northeast Ohio, I am pleased to provide this letter expressing our organization's support of Summit DD's initiative to provide enhanced levels of training and support for Day Services staff that are supporting individuals with complex needs.

As the CEO of one of the largest day service providers in Summit County, I have experienced the challenges of serving individuals with complex needs. There have been situations where regretfully we were unable to continue providing services for certain individuals with complex needs. We are optimistic that this partnership with Summit DD will enable us to serve individuals with complex needs that perhaps were unable to serve in the past.

As a committed partner with Summit DD, I am fully aware of the benefit of providing quality training and support for Direct Support Professionals. It is through the support of trained DSP's that individuals with complex needs have increased opportunities to fully participate in their communities.

Thank you for considering this proposal. Your support will make a meaningful difference in the lives of Summit County residents.

Sincerely,

Robin Bacola

**Executive Director** 

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Robin Bacola

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234-571-5876 330-592-3760

Date: December 7, 2023

Dear Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities Representative,

On behalf of Teammates Center, I am pleased to provide this letter expressing our organization's support of Summit DD's initiative to provide enhanced levels of training and support for Day Services staff that are supporting individuals with complex needs.

As the CEO of one of the largest day service providers in Summit County, I have experienced the challenges of serving individuals with complex needs. There have been situations where regretfully we were unable to continue providing services for certain individuals with complex needs. We are optimistic that this partnership with Summit DD will enable us to serve individuals with complex needs that perhaps we were unable to serve in the past.

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Sincerely,

CEO/Director

**Teammates Center LLC** 

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December 6, 2023

Mr. Drew Williams Summit County Development Disabilities Board 2355 Second St. Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221

#### Re: Support for proposed All-Inclusive Playground Project

On behalf of the City of Hudson, I am writing in support of the proposed All-Inclusive Playground to be constructed in the City of Hudson, Ohio.

Traditional playgrounds have typically excluded children with disabilities, limiting their access to the interaction and development that comes with unstructured play. The proposed All-Inclusive Playground Project aims to create a universally accessible play space where children of all abilities can play together, learn from each other, and build lasting friendships.

- The design of an All-Inclusive Playground incorporates a wide range of features: wheelchair-accessible ramps and pathways; ensuring seamless navigation for children with mobility limitations.
- Sensory-friendly equipment: catering to children with sensory processing issues.
- Adaptive swings and play structures: allowing children with varying abilities to participate in physical activity.
- Inclusive play elements: encouraging collaboration, communication, and social interaction among all children.

With the efforts of the Hudson Inclusive Playground Committee, a private community group organized to educate the community, move the proposed project forward, and secure project funding, I believe this project will come to fruition and serve the Hudson community for many years to come.

The City of Hudson's Park Board has also been a leading proponent of the proposed playground, and has assisted in the efforts to make it a reality. After several Board discussions over several months, the Park Board has conveyed their full support in proposing a home for the playground at the City's existing Middleton Road Park. If the funding is received, the grant will need concurrence of City Council's formal approval.

The City of Hudson looks forward to working collaboratively with the Summit County DD to bring an All-Inclusive playground to the city.

Sincerely,
Frank J. Comeriato, Jr.
Frank J. Comeriato, Jr.
Asst. City Manager-Operations

Cc: Megan Higgins-Hudson Inclusive Playground Committee Hudson Park Board, Trent Wash, Asst. Public Works Director



# SUMMIT COUNTY COUNCIL COUNTY OF SUMMIT, OHIO

December 8, 2023

Lisa Kamlowsky, Superintendent Summit DD 2355 Second St. Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221

Re: Grant Request for Summit County Fully Inclusive Playground Initiative

Dear Ms. Kamlowsky:

Summit County Council is pleased to share our support for the planned construction of a fully inclusive playground, to be located at Middleton Park in Hudson. This inclusive playground is designed to meet the needs of our community including children and adults living with disabilities ranging from mobility limitations, sensory needs to visual impairments. The equipment would also provide a high adventure level to engage those living without a disability and would further demonstrate how your organization values all of its citizens and visitors by providing play areas accessible to everyone.

The members of Summit County Council fully support inclusive playgrounds, as having these spaces which everyone can utilize will assist with the positive growth and development for all - including those with limited mobility (wheelchair bound, walkers, etc.) who can have access to playground equipment with their peers, as well as using the various equipment pieces as part of their therapy plan.

We are encouraged by this grant opportunity to help make this project a reality. We are pleased to offer our support of the Hudson Inclusive Playground (HIP) initiative to address the challenges of accessibility faced by many children and adults in our community. We appreciate your consideration of this effort to secure the funding required to bring this project to fruition, and we would look forward to any opportunity to work together to improve the lives of the children and families we serve.

Sincerely,

Erin Dickinson. **Council At Large Member** 

John Schmidt **District 2 Representative** 

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**Christine Wiede Higham** 

**District 6 Representative** 

John Donofrio **Council At Large Member**  eronica Sims, Council President **District 5 Representative** 

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### Attachment D: Letters of Support from Key Stakeholders

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# Casey Weinstein State Representative

34th House District Hudson | Stow | Cuyahoga Falls Standing Committees

Armed Services and Veterans Affairs
Aviation and Aerospace
Higher Education
Public Utilities
Technology and Innovation

December 7, 2023

Megan Higgins Hudson Inclusive Playground Hudson, OH 44236

RE: Letter of Support for Hudson Inclusive Playground.

Dear Megan,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Hudson Inclusive Playground Initiative. As a Hudson resident, father of three wonderful kids, and State Representative to thousands of families in District 34, I am proud to support an initiative that will greatly benefit our community.

By creating a playground where kids of various abilities in Hudson and surrounding areas can come together and play, we as a community, are embracing values of diversity, inclusion, and equity. I am proud to live in a city where we hold those values in high regard. As we continue to strive towards being more inclusive, creating a space that offers a sense of belonging and acceptance is fundamental.

I am looking forward to seeing this playground, where both fun and acceptance are encouraged, come to life. I also want to thank you and the rest of the committee for putting forward a project that mirrors the city's values. The Hudson Inclusive Playground has my full support. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or additional ways in which I can help support your mission.

Sincerely,

Casey Weinstein State Representative House District 34



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10 September 2023

Megan Higgins Hudson Inclusive Playground Hudson, OH 44236

Re: Letter of Support

Dear Megan

As the 57th Mayor for the City of Hudson Ohio, it has been my pleasure to be engaged in various events, meetings and initiatives to promote Hudson and to help move our City forward with both balance and equality.

Many of my efforts have been focused on how best to support and encourage growth for the youth of Hudson. You may have heard or read the multiple times when I have said that our youth are our community's greatest and most precious asset.

As such, I support further discussion and collaboration on how best to work towards finding a viable solution for an inclusive playground in Hudson.

As a father, civic leader and having been an active volunteer in our local schools for over 8 years, I have had the pleasure to experience, first-hand, and to hear from educators, parents and our students with regard to what they desire and what it takes to provide a foundation that allows our children to flourish.

Therefore, I am committed to do what I can to support the initiative of an inclusive playground in Hudson and to continue working side by side with both residents and other community leaders.

Warm Regards,

Jeffrey L. Anzevino

Mayor

City of Hudson, Ohio USA

### **Hudson City School District**

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE 76 N. Hayden Parkway Hudson, OH 44236-2322 338-653-1216 330-653-1474 FAX



#### 9/26/2023

It is with great pleasure and pride that I write this letter in support of a fully Inclusive Playground in the city of Hudson, Ohio. Hudson, as a school district and as a city, is a leader in many important areas, and I would consider this playground initiative to be an integral part of the continued growth and success of our schools and city.

Children of all ages are the foundation of every school district and city in this country. When one takes a moment, pauses, and reflects on the collaboration that occurs within any city, it is visible that much is pursued on behalf of our children. That, in many ways, is the design of life, and this playground project represents that exact pursuit.

I've been blessed for over 33 years to watch children of all ages grow and develop together, and I've witnessed some of their happiest moments while at play. This fully inclusive playground will provide the opportunity for all children to experience that playground joy, which is a totally natural happiness and excitement. Imagine constructing something that would provide that for a child who has never experienced it!

I look forward to the vision of this project unfolding, to see construction beginning, and, finally, to watch our children at play.

Sincerely,

Dana W. Addis

Superintendent, Hudson City School District

## City of Cuyahoga Falls Office of the Mayor

Mayor Don Walters 2310 Second Street Cuyahoga Falls OH 44221



Phone: 330-971-8200 Fax: 330-971-8168 mayor@cityofcf.com

September 5, 2023

Megan Higgins 6387 Forest Edge Dr. Hudson, OH 44236

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of the Hudson Inclusive Playground Committee Initiative. It's exciting that there will be a fully inclusive playground in Summit County. All children, from the typical developing child, to those who have disabilities with mobility or auditory, visual or sensory challenges, can enjoy this new place to play.

This park will benefit children for many years. It is much needed and will be loved by the children that utilize it daily.

Sincerely,

-Don Walters, Mayor



John Pribonic, Mayor

3760 Darrow Road Stow, Ohio 44224

330.689.2700

September 7, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been given the opportunity and honor to write a letter of support for the Hudson Inclusive Playground committee. As the Mayor of the City of Stow, I am thrilled that our neighbors in Hudson are working toward a goal of raising funds to build a playground truly inclusive for everyone!

We have many playgrounds in the City of Stow and as we replace equipment and/or install new equipment, we are striving to be inclusive and insure that we are thinking outside the box. Our Commission on Inclusion volunteers are involved in the behind the scenes planning of many of our events and endeavors and they keep us mindful of being inclusive and accessible to everyone.

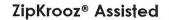
The mission of your Hudson Playground committee is wonderful. I look forward to seeing the goals and plans unfold and watching this "dream playground" come to life full of laughter, smiles, and memories being made together. I fully support this project and wish the committee much success.

Sincerely,

John PriMonic

Mayor, City of Stow, Ohio

# Attachment B: Inclusive Play Structures included in HCBS ARPA County Board Grant Request



\$75,000



Sensory Systems Engaged	Motor Skills	Cognitive Skills	Social Skills	
Vestibular+	Agility, Coordination,	Problem Solving	Cooperation	-
Tactile	Upper & Core Body		Social Skill Development	
Proprioception	Strength, Motor Planning,			

The ZipKrooz Assist provides every child with the chance to fly! The design allows children to experience fast linear movement from one end of the structure to the other. The Assist version includes a molded bucket seal with harness that gives every child a secure sealing option to experience the ride. When combined with the ZipKrooz; these tracks combine to create a social element to the flying experience. Children can choose to race each other or develop imaginary games and scenarios as they ride side by side.

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# Crab Trap™ with Transfer & Alpine Slide



	Sensory Systems Engaged	Motor Skills	Cognitive Skills	Social Skills
COLABA	Vestibular +	Agility, Balance,	Problem Solving	Cooperation
	Tactile	Coordination, Endurance,		Social Skill Development
	Proprioception Visual	Cardiovascular, Flexibility, Motor Planning, Core, Upper & Lower Muscle Strenath		Imaginative Play

The Crab Trap is a climber with a wide variety of challenging climbing elements that children will enjoy. The net components of this climber constantly require children to respond to their own movements as well as the movement of others climbing around them. This improves their bolance, flexibility and motor coordination, Children are challenged to climb in an infinite number of ways as they from one climbing component to another. For those who use wheelchairs, they use the transfer entry to gain full access to height and the slide.

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### We-Go-Round™

\$50,000



Sensory Systems Engaged	Motor Skills	Cognitive Skills	Social Skills	
Vestibular+	Balance, Core, Lower &	Problem Solving	Cooperation	
Proprioception	Upper Body Strength		Social Skill Development Imaginative Play	

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The We-Go-Round™ is a merry-go-round where everyone can spin! It is designed so that children using wheeled mobility devices can wheel right in and enjoy the rotation that come from a merry-go-round experience. They can contribute to the spinning of We-Go-Round™ by using the center post wheel which allows children to create spin from the inside and outside of this merry-go-round. The design encourages social play by all children as riders and pushers cooperate to make this a fun vestibular experience for every child. Those pushing get to work on motor planning and coordination through the engagement of their proprioceptive receptors in their muscles and joints.

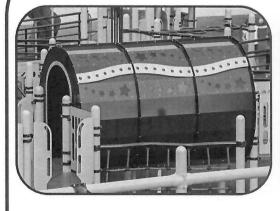
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# **Sensory Tunnel**

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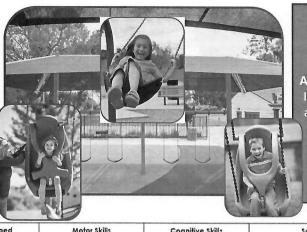
Sensory Systems Engaged	Motor Skills	Cognitive Skills	Social Skills
Tactile	Eye-Hand Coordination	Problem Solving	Cooperation
Visual	Fine Motor	Strategic Thinking	Social Skill Development
Proprioception	Motor Planning		Imaginative Play

The Sensory Tunnel is a unique space where children can get away from all the active play on the playground to calm down and refocus for play. The marbles provide a tactile play element that children can run their fingers along during fine motor play. The stars with assorted color lenses provide fun ways for lighting to enter the tunnel providing children with a kaleidoscope experience that changes throughout the day. For children with autism and sensory processing disorder this element will be a great place for a "time inn" where they can go to regulate their nervous system to re-engage in play allowing them to have better overall interactions with others on the playground.

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## Swings with Integrated Shade

Main Area Swings -Incudes Belt and Molded Bucket Swings. \$75,000



Early
Childhood
Area Swings Incudes Belt
and Molded
Bucket
Swings.
\$45,000

Sensory Systems Engaged	Motor Skills	Cognitive Skills	Social Skills
Visual		Problem Solving	Cooperation Social Skill Development Imaginative Play

Shade for this playground will be provided by the SkyWays swing integrated shade structure that cover the whole swing collection. Shade is important for all who play so that they do not experience sun or heat exposure while at the park. For some children with disabilities this shade will make the difference between their being able to play or not play. Their medical condition or medications may limit how long they can be in direct sunlight or high heat.

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# Friendship® Swing



(2) \$5,000 Each

Sensory Systems Engaged	Motor Skills	Cognitive Skills	Social Skills	
Vestibular+	Balance, Coordination,	Problem Solving	Cooperation	
Proprioception	Motor Planning, Core,		Social Skill Development	
Tactile	Upper & Lower Body		Imaginative Play	
Visual	Strength			

The vestibular system has further opportunities for development through this unique face to face swinging experience.

The Friendship Swing allows several children and adults of assorted sizes to swing together. The swing is also set at a transfer height for easy transfer from a wheelchair so that all can swing together.

landscape structures December 11, 2023



Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities 30 E Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Universal Changing Table

Dear Grant Distribution Committee,

On behalf of Akron Zoological Park (Akron Zoo), I am pleased to provide this letter expressing our organization's support of the grant proposal to purchase and install universal changing tables. The Akron Zoo, is excited about increasing accessibility within our organization by installing a universal changing table.

As a partner with Summit DD, I am fully aware of the extent of our commitment and that our role will be to work in tandem with Summit DD to purchase, install and create supporting resources, as needed.

Thank you for considering this proposal. Your support will make a meaningful difference in the lives of Summit County residents.

Sincerely,

Pamela S. Holtz

Chief External Affairs Officer, Sr. V.P.

Hauch & Holtz

216 S. Main Street Akron, OH 44308



330.396.6103 akronkids.org



Date: December 7,

Dear: Grant Distribution Center

RE: Changing Tables for Akron Children's Museum

Dear Grant Distribution Committee,

I am pleased to provide this letter expressing our organization's support of the grant proposal to purchase and install universal changing tables. The Akron Children's Museum is excited about increasing accessibility within our organization by installing universal changing stations to our facility. As a partner with Summit DD, I am fully aware of the extent of our commitment and that our role will be to work in tandem with Summit DD to purchase, install and create supporting resources, as needed.

Thank you for considering this proposal. Your support will make a meaningful difference in the lives of Summit County residents.

Sincerely,

Traci Buckner

Director of Akron Children's Museum