

# Community Engagement & Cincinnati Parks

## Increasing IDD Accessibility

As social beings, humans seek out activities that promote connection to community and the formation of relationships. As research has shown, adults diagnosed with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD) unsurprisingly prefer such “Community and Relationship Building” activities, with special emphasis placed on activities in this domain that take place at entertainment locations and attractions. However, despite both intuitive and data-backed awareness of this importance and preference for social contact and support in the lives of participants with IDD, significant barriers remain for optimal community engagement. For this project, we are proposing to specifically optimize community parks due to their ubiquitous presence throughout Cincinnati neighborhoods, potential to improve community engagement, and practicality for public policy change.

### SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

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### DATA

Our survey found that community locations scored

**~70%**

on average in overall accessibility

### POLICY ANALYSIS

Cincinnati Accessibility Board of Advisors (CABA) consider and make recommendations to the City Manager on issues of

**accessibility**

for persons with disabilities within the City of Cincinnati

### ADVOCACY STRATEGY

Increase local visibility regarding

**CABA's**

current and past work by implementing regularly scheduled events to bring communities together with a focus on inviting and celebrating individuals with IDD