

Congratulations!

Thank you for your commitment to advancing play and recreation and turning research into practice.



WELCOME!

Congratulations on becoming a PlayCore National Demonstration Site! Let's talk about your benefits!

PlayCore's Center for Outreach, Research, and Education (CORE), in collaboration with leaders and scholars, is committed to turning research into practice by researching, sharing knowledge, and advocating for the positive impact of play and recreation on a community's vitality.

CORE provides communities with evidence-based best practices to design and implement high-quality play and recreation destinations - National Demonstration Sites (NDS.) The NDS program uniquely allows data collection and translation opportunities that document and demonstrate NDS outcomes aligned to the 7 Indicators of Community Vitality. As part of your commitment to advancing play and recreation, CORE is thrilled to recognize your project as a National Demonstration Site and share the many benefits that NDS network members receive:

RECOGNITION & ADVOCACY

- Your NDS also receives recognition on the NDS Map (www.playcore. com/ NDS/map), an online resource to help others find meaningful play and recreation spaces in their community.
- Your organization receives a National Demonstration Site project of excellence award for display.
- We've included a Marketing Toolkit full of ideas to help you promote your site and data collection.

DATA COLLECTION AND OUTCOMES SHARING

- Complimentary on-site signage with a research QR Code will promote your commitment to best practices and direct visitors to share their experiences and report Community Vitality outcomes.
- CORE's Data Service Lab will aggregate local and site-collected data
 to prepare complimentary reports (see page 4) to demonstrate site
 impact, engagement, and park user sentiment. Each report aligns to the
 7 indicators of Community Vitality to provide a holistic view of the health
 and wellness outcomes your site contributes to the community.
- The CORE Data Service Lab will create a dedicated portal for your community's site-specific NDS tools and reports.

Learn more about CORE and the CORE Data Service Lab on the last page.









See the entire NDS Network at www.playcore.com/NDS/map

YOUR REPORTS & STEPS FOR DATA COLLECTION SUCCESS

What reports do we receive?

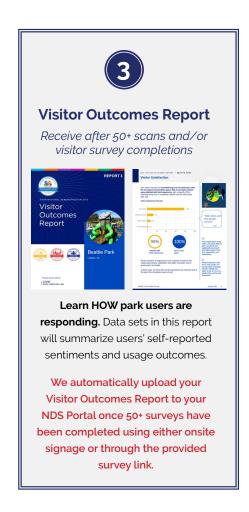
As a National Demonstration Site, you have access to up to three complimentary site-specific NDS Reports to provide rich data-driven insights and outcomes for the investment you have made. By varying the reporting periods and data sets, you are able to share and showcase your benefits on an ongoing basis.

Where do I access our reports?

Access your **complimentary NDS reports** by logging in to your NDS Portal at app.coredataservicelab.com. Activate your portal using the link you received in your Welcome to the NDS Network email. Can't find it? Contact us at support@coredataservicelab.com.







How can we collect more data from park visitors?

To maximize the data you receive and increase visitor sentiments, use the strategies outlined in your NDS Marketing Toolkit, found on the following pages, to promote user scans of the QR code located on the sign on site installed at the site and through your community engagement and marketing campaigns.



YOUR MARKETING TOOLKIT

Utilizing the marketing ideas below with templates available at your portal to promote your National Demonstration Site is a great way to share your dedication to supporting community health and wellness, encourage scans of your onsite Research collection sign, and share outcomes from your reports! Here are a few easy ideas to try!

Press Release: Feel free to use templates to announce to your community your participation in this unique initiative and commitment to health and wellness.

Email: Connect with your community with an email blast to subscribers..

Social Media: Use these sample posts (or create your own!).

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at Scan the QR code on the sign by the entrance to the space and
make your opinion count!
You can be part of a national initiative on the community value of play &
recreation! Scan the code on the sign by the [playground / adult fitness
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space: at and share your thoughts:
What does the new [playground / adult fitness space] at
mean to you? Your participation in research told us that

Can you guess the top three reasons our community visits the [playground / adult fitness space]. Replay below, and we'll post the responses on [date]!

Our community is part of a nationwide data collection project on the value of play and recreation! Here is what we've learned!

Posters: Request an editable flyer to add your site name and information and spread it around the community to promote your NDS and the Data Collection opportunity!

Broadcast: Do you create videos, podcasts, offer webinars, or host community events? All of these are great opportunities to share updates, research reports, and encourage sign scans!

Link to the survey: Use any of the above to share a link to the research survey connected to the sign's QR Code to encourage previous visitors to participate (available in English and Spanish): https://www.playcore.com/user-reflection-survey

Resources

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Plan a grand opening: Invite the community to be a part of a ribbon cutting and explore the park through a fun celebration of the space.

Host a healthy play city employee day: Invite city employees to bring their families to the playground (or have a field day with adult employees at the fitness space) with instructions to complete the QR survey.

Promote Event Rentals: If the National Demonstration Site is available for event rental, include instructions on how to scan the QR Code/provide data in the rental agreement. Utilize the flyer at at playcore. com/NDS-Files (or create your own!) to send to area schools, daycares, family fun centers (for playgrounds) or gyms, businesses, and community centers (for adult fitness sites) to increase awareness of event rental and participation in the survey.

Ask about programming for your NDS: Both the 7 Principles of Inclusive Playground Design and Play On! Youth Physical Activity Designations have evidence-based programming that aligns to your NDS design. Consider recruiting your park program leaders or local naturalists, fitness instructors or similarly qualified professionals to host special events at the site to promote usage and healthy activity, and sign scans!

Get great photos for marketing: Do you want some quality photos of your site? Capture engaging photos of users enjoying the site by coordinating a photo shoot to celebrate the new space and bring your community together. Be sure to get photo releases signed! (And share your photography with PlayCore so we can include the best images on the NDS map!) Learn more about photo releases and build one for your park: https://legaltemplates.net/form/photo-release-form/

Stay Connected: As part of the National Demonstration Site Network, we want to help you maximize data collection at your NDS. Sign up for emails at playcore.com/connect and follow us on social media! We are aplaycorenews on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Twitter.

Questions?

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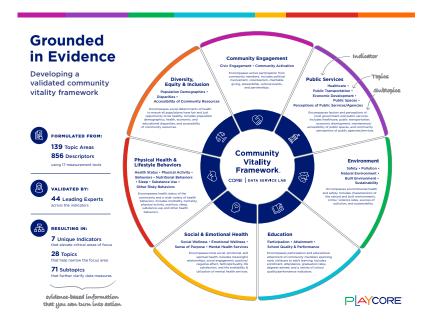






CORE DATA SERVICE LAB

The CORE Data Service Lab's Community Vitality Framework is an evidence-based perspective, grounded in comprehensive and validated research, that provides a holistic approach to understand and implement the seven evidence-based indicators of a vital community. This framework is an innovative and powerful resource for validating the critical role you play in community vitality. It can help you organize and frame a multitude of purpose and data-driven stories to make your case in meaningful ways.



The CORE Data Service Lab aligns research-based data to the Community Vitality Framework to help you effectively identify areas of need, guide community decision making, promote priorities, and track outcomes by translating data into actionable and personalized recommendation and support.

From assessment and planning to implementation and measuring results, this data maximizes positive impact for communities and empowers them to strengthen their community's vitality.

Learn more about the CORE Data Service Lab's comprehensive suite of research-based data tools, to provide insight and data translation to help you make efficient, data-driven decisions, translate your data, and support case making for positive community impact.

National Demonstration Sites are just one of the CORE Data Service Lab's datacentric tools! The CORE Data Service Lab Subscription includes resources that can:



Connect your local data to the Framework to highlight strengths & opportunities and help shape a roadmap for telling your unique data story.



Provide 1200+ curated metrics with the ability to build and overlay custom mapping visualizations to support your goals.



Offer a robust database of bonds and funds aligned to the framework to help you align to a Funders "why."



Calculate the impact of your local outdoor settings to demonstrate how investments in infrastructure contribute to annual health savings.



Track usage analysis at your sites to help you measure and share utilization trends and community impact.



Provide personalized training sessions with a data coach.

Additional services include strategies to develop a data driven culture and explore custom data projects. Learn more by contacting

support@coredataservicelab.com