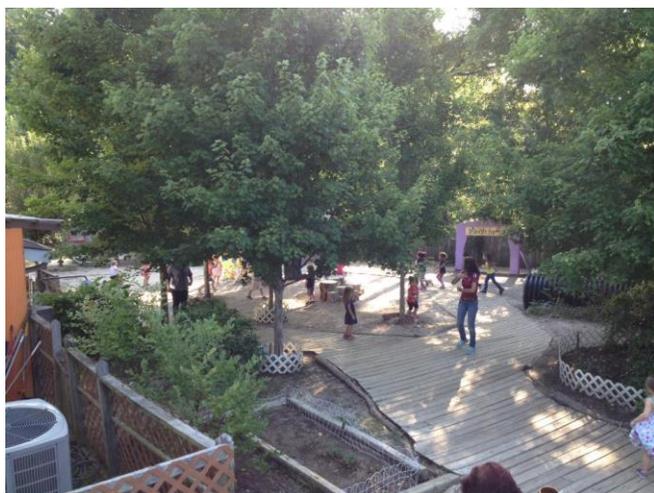


## Seeking Contractors for Child Care Play Ground Projects

Are you a carpenter, concrete specialist or landscaper? Are you interested in helping improve the outdoor learning environments of young children in Orange County? The Orange County Partnership for Young Children (OCPYC) is working with child care centers across the county to improve their play areas by adding concrete riding pathways, garden beds, play houses, small play decks, sandboxes, mud kitchens and more.

OCPYC ([www.orangesmartstart.org](http://www.orangesmartstart.org)), in collaboration with the Natural Learning Initiative at NC State ([www.naturalearning.org](http://www.naturalearning.org)), is working with many centers to help convert the traditional boring playground- a flat space covered with mulch or sand like this at right, into a shaded, fun space where things are growing and there are multiple different areas of interest for children at play, like the picture below.



This is the same playground with the addition of trees, a riding path, garden beds, a tunnel, a dramatic play stage and many other play areas.

We are seeking experienced and insured individuals or companies that are ready to help these centers make additions. Depending on your abilities and capacity, it is possible you could work with a single center to make all of the additions they need, or if you are a concrete specialist, you might work with 4 or 5 centers to create their riding pathways. Or if carpentry is your area, we

may contract with you to build 4 small bridges or 3 mud kitchens or 20 garden beds. It all depends on your interest and availability. Our goal is to create a win-win situation for both the contractor to have enough work to be worthwhile and for the center to get what they need done by an experienced contractor.

If this sounds like something you would like to get involved in, please complete our [brief survey](https://forms.gle/gJBRfvxwGwvQ8Zqy7) (<https://forms.gle/gJBRfvxwGwvQ8Zqy7>) outlining your experience and skills and we will be in touch within a few days after you complete the survey. There will be a bidding process based on the specific jobs and the work will be taking place from now through the end of 2020. If you have any questions or want to know more, you can contact Maria Hitt with OCPYC at 919-967-9091 ext 217 or by email at: [mhitt@orangesmartstart.org](mailto:mhitt@orangesmartstart.org). To view examples of these types of projects visit: <https://naturalearning.org/shape-nc> scroll to bottom of page and click on projects.