



## **Children with disabilities and able-bodied children to enjoy a special play date at Southside Park Accessible Playground: Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Sacramento, California, May 13, 2008**—The City of Sacramento Department of Parks and Recreation invites children of all abilities to come enjoy a special play date at Southside Park's Accessible Playground. Research shows that when children with disabilities and able-bodied children play together, the interaction benefits both groups. This annual event will be followed by a series of play dates scheduled throughout the year. Please join us on **Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**, from **9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**, at **Southside Park Accessible Playground – 6<sup>th</sup> and U Streets, Sacramento.**

Southside Park's Accessible Playground provides an atmosphere for children of all abilities to engage in integrated play. The playground's *exceptionally* accessible amenities include rubberized surfacing, ramps with handrails, Braille panels, slides, play panels, gliders and group rockers, climbing and spinning toys, and auditory features that enhance the play experience.

During the play date, parents and children can learn about Braille, American Sign Language, painting and the cello. Parents will also be able to sign-up their children to participate in future play dates.

### **Details:**

**Event:** **Play Date at Southside Park Accessible Playground**

**Visuals:** Children of all abilities playing together and parents signing-up their children for future play dates.

**Date:** Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Location:** Southside Park Accessible Playground – 6<sup>th</sup> and U Streets, Sacramento

For more information about his event, please contact Bonnie Williamson at (916) 808-2348.

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