10 Ways to Support Risky Play!

1) Create your own **ANARCHY ZONE** - a messy crazy place where kids can do (almost) whatever they want…

2) Add **LOOSE PARTS** for play/creation/destruction
   - Let the kids do whatever they want with them. Take pictures, celebrate & promote creations!
   - Explore community partnerships for materials…

3) Hire trained **PLAYWORKERS** - they’re fun, cool, and know how to say yes to play…

4) **Study and adopt PLAYWORK PRINCIPLES** to truly support children’s free play
   - [http://www.playwales.org.uk/eng/playworkprinciples](http://www.playwales.org.uk/eng/playworkprinciples)
   - [http://allianceforchildhood.org/playwork](http://allianceforchildhood.org/playwork)

5) **Adopt a RISK-BENEFIT ANALYSIS Policy** (not just a risk analysis policy!)

6) **Differentiate between RISKS vs HAZARDS**
   - **Risks** are dangerous things kids can choose to engage with and are good to provide
   - **Hazards** are dangerous things kids don’t see or choose that can hurt them and should be removed

7) Be an **ADVOCATE for PLAY and RISK**
   - Provide Parent Resources (like [https://outsideplay.ca/](https://outsideplay.ca/))
   - Host a screening of **The Land** by Erin Davis + discussion ([http://playfreemovie.com/](http://playfreemovie.com/))
   - Create materials that describe benefit/necessity of risk for children

8) **Join North American Adventure Play Association (NAAPA) FB page**
   - [https://www.facebook.com/groups/americanadventureplaygrounds/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/americanadventureplaygrounds/)

9) **More RESOURCES**
   - [https://rethinkingchildhood.com](https://rethinkingchildhood.com)
   - [http://playengland.org.uk/](http://playengland.org.uk/)
   - [http://playwales.org.uk/](http://playwales.org.uk/)
   - [http://londonplay.org.uk/](http://londonplay.org.uk/)
   - [https://popupadventureplaygrounds.wordpress.com/](https://popupadventureplaygrounds.wordpress.com/)

10) **Attend ITHACA PLAY SYMPOSIUM** Oct 4-6, 2019, Ithaca, NY!
    - [https://ithacachildrensgarden.org/education/play-symposium/](https://ithacachildrensgarden.org/education/play-symposium/)

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