

Case Study

Lancaster Day Care Center



Details

Location: Lancaster, PA

Description: Two playground sites:

414 Playguard tile = 1,656-square-feet

Sitting area: 50 FX Play tile = 271-square-feet

Flooring Choice: Caramel Corn

Project Needs

Superior Injury Protection

High Safety Ratings

ADA Approved

IPEMA Certified

Tested for Critical Fall Ratings

Project Benefits

Durable

Sustainable

Easy Installation

Simple to Maintain

Slip Resistant

Ergonomic

Ecore Donates Playground Surfacing to LDCC



Approaching its 100th anniversary, Lancaster Day Care Center (LDCC), located in Lancaster, Pa., is a non-profit organization committed to providing high quality, affordable childcare that improves the quality of living for families in the heart of downtown Lancaster. The facility includes eight learning enriched classrooms for children eight-weeks to five-years-old and a large outdoor play area. According to Executive Director, Nina Moragne, the playground is a prized possession at LDCC. In some cases, it is the only place where children are able to play outside and get physical activity for the day. "We have provided a safe-haven for these kids with the outdoor play area," said Moragne.

The previous playground surface consisted of mulch. According to the Department of Public Welfare, mulch poses potential health hazards and prohibits infants and toddlers, under the age of two-years-old, from playing on the surface. Seeing the need for these younger children and recognizing the importance of physical activity, LDCC stepped into action.

Moragne connected locally with Ecore, a company that transforms reclaimed waste into unique performance surfacing, to see if they would be willing to donate surfacing.

Ecore donated nearly \$20,000 worth of PlayGuard Safety Surfacing, which is made from performance rubber and is designed to reduce the risk of injuries associated with falls from playground equipment. PlayGuard's dependable performance and long-lasting installation proved to be the perfect choice for LDCC. Faculty and staff have commented on how comfortable it is underfoot, and the noticeably safer surface for younger children, who are not able to walk yet. The PlayGuard surfacing that was installed has a critical fall height rating of up to 6 feet.

"Ecore was happy to donate surfacing that provides a safe, clean place for children to play," said Arthur Dodge, III, President and Chief Executive Officer of Ecore.

