

PlaySafe, LLC

Recreational Consulting & Services

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EDUCATION:

- 1995 Masters Degree in Recreation Administration, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM
- 1988 Bachelor of Arts in Recreation, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

EMPLOYMENT:

Managing Partner: PlaySafe, LLC Recreational Consulting & Services (1997- Present)

PlaySafe, LLC is a national company that works with States, Counties, Municipalities, Private Industries, and School Districts to create the safest and most enjoyable play environment for children of all ages. PlaySafe, LLC is the Premiere Recreational and Educational Consulting Company offering the following types of services:

Playground Equipment and Surfacing Audits, Recreational Topic Seminars and Training, Recreation and Physical Education Plans, GMax Turf Testing, Bleacher Inspections, Expert Witness Services, Strategic Master Plans, Park Classification Studies, Design Reviews, Environmental Assessments, Feasibility Studies, Grant Writing, Maintenance Program Development, Community Hearings, Economic Impact Studies, Elementary School Physical Education Impact Studies

PlaySafe, LLC clientele includes government agencies such as (please see web site for full listing):

Arizona - City of Phoenix, City of Flagstaff, Pima County

Texas - City of Plano, McKinney Independent School District, El Paso Rehabilitation Center, Socorro ISD, Frisco Independent School District, City of Dallas, Garland ISD, City of Garland

New Mexico - Albuquerque Public Schools, Los Lunas Public Schools, Bernalillo County, Bernalillo Public Schools, City of Rio Rancho, Clovis Municipal Schools, Cooperative Educational Services, Village of Corrales, Coronado Club, Kirkland Air Force Base, Jemez Valley Public Schools, New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped, Shiprock Alternative Schools Incorporated, University of New Mexico, City of Clovis, City of La Cruces

California - City of Bakersfield, California Joint Powers Insurance Authority, City of Cupertino, Fullerton School District, City of Burbank, City of Agoura Hill, City of Bell Gardens, Fairplex, County of Los Angeles, City of Indio, City of Irwindale, Jurupa Area Recreation and Park District, City of La Palma, City of Loma Linda, City of Ojai, City of San Fernando, City of San Gabriel, City of South El Monte, City of Temecula, City of Temple City, City of Westlake Village, Wasco Recreation and Parks District

Schools/Daycares

Broward County Public Schools FL*Campbell Hall School CA*NM State University*Chadwick School CA*Chapter One / Kid's Corner CA*Crane School CA*Fresno Christian Schools CA*Good Samaritan Hospital CA*La Mesa United Methodist Children Center CA*Highlands University NM*Montessori Center School of Santa Barbara CA*San Francisco School CA* St. David's Private School CA*Holy Ghost Catholic School NM*North Side Christian Early Childhood Development Center CA*Pacifica Co-Op Nursery School CA* Auraria Higher Education Center CO*Peninsula Heritage Preschool CA*Grace Baptist Church CA* St. Peters Episcopal Church & Preschool CA*Trinity Lutheran Preschool and Church CA*Sonshine Factory CA*Pilgrim Children Center CA*Valley Beth Shalom Nursery School CA*Santa Fe Kids Company CA* Kids Town CA* YMCA Pima County AZ*Montessori Academy CA*Harvard Square Maintenance Association CA*The Broadoaks Children's School of Whittier College CA*St. Luke Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten NM*Mesilla Valley Christian Schools NM* LA Mission College Child Development Center CA*Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark NJ* Nova Southeastern University FL

Homeowners Associations/Property Management

Ascot Home Owners Association CA*Carden Arbor View Schools CA*Assistance League of Antelope Valley CA*Compass Management Group CA*Coyote Creek Home Owners Association CA*Expressions Home Owners Association CA*Fairway Crest Home Owners Association CA*Concord Capital Assets CA*New Horizons Home Owner's Association CA*Santa Elena Home Owners Association CA*Santa Teresa Home Owners Association CA*Seabreeze Management Company CA*Summerfield Home Owners Association CA*Terraces Home Owners Association CA*Village Grove Home Owners Association CA* Vintage Hills PCA CA*Vistara Home Owners Association CA* Condominium Management Services CA*New Horizons Homeowners Association CA*Keystone Pacific Property Management Incorporated CA*Glendora Springs Home Owners Association CA*Home Garden Home Owners Association CA*Sunrise Apartments NM

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Equipment and Surfacing Representatives and Companies

Triple M AZ, NM, CA CO*Miracle Playgrounds AZ*Churchich Recreation LLC, CO NM*Exerplay Inc. AZ, NM*PlayWell TX NM*GameTime AL*Detailed Play Systems NJ*Brewer's Ledge, Inc MA*Recreation Consultants of Texas TX*Robertson Industries Inc AZ CA NM*Child Safe Products, Inc, AZ FL NY*Cre8ate Play MN*Carpathian Industries NJ*PlayWorld PA*Superior Playgrounds GA NM

Installation Companies

Jon Del Construction CA*Geoscene Construction Incorporated CA*Castello Incorporated CA*Henneberger Construction TX*Hansen & Prezzano Builders, LLC NM, CA*Banes General Contractors TX*West Point Contractors AZ*Gordon Construction NM*Silverton Construction TX* NLR Builders TX*The Sambrano Corp TX* Centex Homes CA*Doose Landscape Inc CA*GN Construction TX*Court Concepts Inc CA*The Hilltop NM*Highland Enterprises NM*Baca Trees NM* Southwest Parks & Playgrounds TX*DanTex Construction TX*Southwest Growth TX*Canaday & Company CA*Smith & Butler Construction Inc CA*FT James Construction TX*Jan Car Construction TX*Blair Hall Company TX*Hunt Building Company CA, TX*Longford Group, Inc., NV NM* Sports Contracting Group OH*Robert Cohen Company, LLC NM*Lone Mountain Contracting, Inc. NM

Other Agencies

Fuller Theological Seminary CA*Presbyterian Ear Institute NM*Chapman Companies NM*New Mexico Department of Energy NM*BIE NM OK*Eldorado Community Improvement Association NM*MBA Interior Architecture Facility Management NM*Stagecoach Stop RV Park NM*National Recreation and Park Association Western Service Center CO*Barnabas, Kane & Associates Landscape Architects, AZ*Tierra Verde Industries CA*McGann & Associates Inc AZ*Portuguese Bend Beach Club CA*Civil Service Commission Pueblo CO*NRPA USA*Amazement Square Children's Museum VA*Darla Schleyer Interiors NM*San Francisco Giants CA*San Diego Zoo CA*White Sand Missile Base NM*Chicago Park District IL*Tacoma Parks WA, International Playground Equipment Manufacturer's Association PA

Additionally, I worked for government agencies for more than 18 years in the following positions

Director Park and Recreation, Resource Management Superintendent, Facility Maintenance Supervisor, Special Projects Coordinator, Keep Rio Rancho Beautiful Coordinator, Recreation Supervisor, Sports Facility Manager, Athletic Programmer, Senior Center Programmer and Acting Director, Aquatics Coordinator, Activities Leader, and Lifeguard

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- Workshops, State and National Conferences, Webinars (Ongoing)
- National Playground Contractors Association Recreation Installation (NPCAI) Specialist Certification Instructor Course (2019)
- NPCAI Specialist Certification Course (2018)
- NRPA Accessibility Guidelines for Play Area (2007)
- Attended and passed the training program for the utilization of the TRIAX 2000 Surface Impact Tester in compliance with the ASTM 1292 (2000)
- Playground Safety 1999: An International Conference (1999)
- National Program for Playground Safety Workshop (1998)
- NRPA Congress Seminars (1998 – 2019)
- Lincoln Institute of Land Policy and Municipal Open Space Acquisition (1997)
- Covey Eleven Lessons in Self Leadership (1996)
- Deming Institute Total Quality Management (1996)
- Disney Style - Management and Service Workshop (1996)
- Franklin Quest Time Management Course (1995)
- NRPA Certified National Playground Safety Inspector (1994 - Present)
- NRPA Aquatics Facility Operator (AFO) Certification (1994 - 1997)
- NRPA Park Planning and Maintenance and Risk Management School (1994 - 1997)
- CRPA Recreation Facilities Design and Management School (1993)

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- NRPA National Executive Development School - Graduate (1992-1995)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA): Introduction to Emergency Management, Basic Skills 1 & 2, Liability Issues, Decision Making and Problem Solving, Creative Finance, and Public Policy (1992 - 1998)
- NRPA Certified Parks and Recreation Professional (CPRP) (1988 - Present)
- Certified Pool Operator (CPO) Certification (1988 - 1998)
- Stranco Public Pool Operator Certification (1986)
- ACEP Coach, Level 1 (1985)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AWARDS, VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- 2025 Presented at the SW Parks and Recreation Training Institute
- 2023 Presented at the Oklahoma Recreation & Park Society
- 2021 Presented at Rocky Mountain Chapter Community Associations Institute
- 2020 Presented Utah Recreation and Parks Association Conference
- 2019- 2021 Synthetic Turf Council (STC) Board of Directors
- 2019 Presented at Dallas Fort Worth Community Associations Institute
- 2019- 2024 Member of the NPCAI Board of Trustees
- 2019- Present NPCAI Specialist Certification Course Instructor
- 2019- 2021 Member of the STC Landscape Committee
- 2018 Presented at Texas Municipal League Annual Conference
- 2018 Presented at NPCAI Annual Meeting
- 2018- Present Member of NPCAI Exam Writing Committee (Chair for all years)
- 2017-2018 Member of the STC Maintenance Guidelines Task Force
- 2017, 2018, 2020 Presented at California Head Start Health Institute
- 2015- 2017 Member of the STC Education Committee
- 2015 Member of the International Playground Equipment Manufacturer Association Safety School Steering (IPEMA) Committee
- 2015 Presented at STC Membership Meeting
- 2015 American Sports Builders Association Educational Task Force Member
- 2014 Presented at Texas Amateur Athletic Federation/Texas Recreation and Parks Society (TRAPS) S.M.S University
- 2013- 2022 Member of the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) Certified Playground Safety Inspector Exam Review Committee (Chair in 2020)
- 2012 Presented at New Mexico Head Start Summit
- 2009- Present American Association for Physical Activity & Recreation Brain Trust Member
- 2011, 2012, 2024 Presented at Nevada Recreation and Parks Society Conference
- 2010- 2015 Presented at New Mexico Association of Education of Young Children Early Childhood Conference (2010, 2011, 2014, 2015)
- 2009- 2011 Member of the NRPA Job Analysis Advisory Committee
- 2009 Presented at New Mexico Association of School Business Officials Workshop
- 2009 & 2010 Presented at Texas Gulf Coast Leadership Development Institute
- 2008 Presented at California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) SuperCal Workshop
- 2006, 2007, 2010 Presented at Arizona Parks and Recreation Association Workshops (APRA)
- 2007 – 2018 CPRS & Pacific Southwest Recreation & Park Training Conference (2007, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018)
- 2007- Present American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance/Society of Health and Physical Educators Member/SHAPE
- 2006 Presented at CPRS Administrators Institute
- 2006 Presented at Wyoming Groundskeepers & Growers Association
- 2005 Advisory Board Member Albuquerque Technical Vocational Institute Community College

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- 2005 - 2013 Presented at New Mexico Parks and Recreation Association (NMRPA) Conference (2005, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013)
- 2005 Presented at CPRS Region 9 Workshop
- 2005 Presented at Texas Public Pool Council's Aquatics Conference
- 2004, 2005, 2012 Presented at NRPA National Executive Development School
- 2004 & 2005 NMRPA - Certification Board Member Chair
- 2003 - 2005 Member of the NRPA Playground Maintenance Service Course's Curriculum Task Force
- 2003 Contributed as an interviewee for the Center for Injury Research and Policy at John Hopkins
- 2003 Presented at the Texas Head Start Association Training Conference
- 2002 Contributed as a Stakeholder Reviewer for the National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care, Performance Standards: Guidelines for Out-of-Home Child Care Programs
- 2002 Presented at Albuquerque Technical Vocational Institute
- 2002 Presented at CPRS - District 2 Workshop
- 2001 Presented at the NRPA Congress
- 2001 Presented at the TRAPS Region 2 & 3 Conference
- 2001 & 2004 Presented at the NRPA Southwest Park and Recreation Training Institute
- 2000 - Present Presented at California Joint Powers Insurance Authority Risk Management Conferences (2000,2002,2005,2008-2024)
- 2000 – Present Presented at the Cooperative Educational Services Facility Manager Training Workshop, New Mexico (2000, 2006, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2018)
- 2000-Present APRA, CPRS and TRAPS Member
- 1999 Presented at the NRPA Midwest-Southwest Regional Leadership & Professional Training Institute
- 1999 Presented at the New Mexico Association of Health, PE, Recreation and Dance Annual Conference
- 1999- 2019 Presented at the TRAPS/Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Institute (1999,2002,2004,2005,2007,2008,2009,2012,2013,2015, 2018, 2019)
- 1998 Presented at the American Society of Safety Engineers New Mexico Annual Health & Safety Conference
- 1998- 2012 Youth League Baseball Manager, Cub Scout Leader, Youth Soccer and Youth Wrestling Coach
- 1997 NMRPA Park/Trail/Bike Paths Design Award Winner
- 1995-2002 NRPA National Executive Development School Advisory Board Member
- 1995-1998 NRPA National Risk Management & Safety School Planning Committee Member
- 1995 & 1996 NMRPA Outstanding Grounds Maintenance Award Winner
- 1994-Present NRPA - Member
- 1994-Present Guest Lecturer at the University of New Mexico
- 1994 NMRPA Recipient of the Duke Jory Scholarship Award
- 1994 Developed, wrote, and received a grant through Re-Leaf Program
- 1994 City of Rio Rancho September Employee of the Month
- 1993-1998 City of Rio Rancho Employee Advisory Committee Member
- 1993-1995 Developed and awarded grants through NM State Forestry Division
- 1993 NRPA - PIN Department Program Brochure Recognition
- 1993 NMRPA - Outstanding Program Award Winner Youth Basketball
- 1992 NMRPA - Recipient of the Outstanding Young Professional Award
- 1990-1994 USSSA Area Director
- 1990-2010 NMRPA - Certification Board Member
- 1989-2005 NMRPA - Board of Directors (1989-1994 & 1997-2000 & 2003-2005)
- 1988 ASA Deputy Commissioner - Districts 6 & 7
- 1988 New Mexico Special Olympics - Head Evaluator of State Games
- 1985-Present NMRPA Member

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- 1983-1986 Cibola High School Baseball Coach
- 1979-1980 Junior President, Rio Rancho Volunteer Parks & Recreation Department

Co-Author of *Introduction to Athletic Field Maintenance* – First Edition (2018)

Co-Author of *Introduction to Playground Maintenance* – First Edition (2011)

Co-Author of *Public Input Process for Parks and Recreation Planning* – First Edition (2009)

Co-Author of *Master Plan Process for Parks and Recreation* – Third Edition (2007)

I have numerous articles published in periodicals such as Parks & Grounds Management, Michigan Municipal Review, Utah Leisure Insights, California Parks and Recreation Society, School Play & Athletic Facilities, The Southeast Education Network SEEN Magazine, Playground Professionals, Play & Playground, and the Texas Recreation & Park Society Magazine