



Connecting the Pieces Playroom grows with the support of the Brightpoint Development Fund

Connecting the Pieces Playroom was awarded a loan from the Brightpoint Development Fund to support training, insurance, payroll, rent, inventory and to ensure a healthy cash flow as the business grows. The loan is endorsed by the Small Business Administration (SBA). The SBA will repay a portion of the loan on behalf of Connecting the Pieces Playroom. This investment is a key component of growing services to children with disabilities.

Connecting the Pieces Playroom is the first playroom of its kind in Fort Wayne, IN, providing a sensory play space for children with disabilities. Since the space opened in 2020, Connecting the Pieces playroom has been serving families and service providers through field trips, classes, birthday parties, and drop-in play time.

Established in 2010, the Brightpoint Development Fund is a nonprofit organization that provides affordable business and consumer loans, financial education, and housing development services. We're a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) microlender and a U.S. Department of the Treasury Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI).

Christiane Rogers, Founder of Connecting the Pieces playroom reflects, "I started this business because I wished there was a place that I could have taken my own child with disabilities. I developed the idea so that families would have a safe, creative space that offered sensory activities to support children facing various challenges, as my child did."

Sensory stimulated activities help children to generalize in the natural environment so that they are better able to cope, adapt and transition into the natural environment. This new resource is available to the public, including low-income families, home school programs, early childhood programs, clinics, and various organizations locally, that serve children with disabilities.

Additionally, the space can be used by therapists for art, music, play, recreational, developmental, and occupational therapy sessions with full access to an environment that was specifically designed for children with disabilities.

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