Friendly Places for Early Childhood (LAPIS)

Theme/Place:
Outdoor play - Mexico

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Context and objective:
We wanted to ensure the wellbeing of young children and their caregivers in the public sphere, that’s why, in 2021 we started the LAPIS program, and since then we have created 30 Friendly Places for Early Childhood in 14 states of Mexico.

Methodology:
We work closely with communities, involving people from ages 0-6 and their caregivers in the creation of the space through interactive design workshops and implementing the 7 playtypes methodology.

Results:
The 30 LAPIS we have created have benefited 21,201 people directly thus far, promoting the involvement of nature in early childhood playspaces through the creation of naturalized urban and rural parks, vegetable patches, and workshops that taught children and caregivers about the important of environmental care, pollinators, local vegetation and community accountability.

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