



Preschool Indoor Gym Project

Creating a safe, purposeful space where young children can learn through play

85+

students served today

3-10

ages served

660

square feet of new indoor play space

THE NEED

Abilities First serves children living with autism and differing abilities through specialized education, one-to-one intervention, and occupational, physical, and speech therapy. Our Autism Learning Center has grown from **28 students to more than 85 in four years**, creating an urgent need for additional indoor space where our youngest learners can move, play, socialize, and build essential skills.

THE PROJECT

We will transform part of our cafeteria into a **660-square-foot Preschool Indoor Gym**. The project will move and reconstruct a wall, update HVAC, install padded flooring and flexible room partitions, and add age-appropriate soft play equipment. The new space will expand our “Learn through Play” model and give children a dedicated environment for active learning and therapeutic skill development.

PROJECT BUDGET

Soft play equipment
Padded flooring
HVAC work
Wall demolition & reconstruction
Room partitions
Miscellaneous

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

\$60,000

total project investment

A funding partner can help create a lasting resource that supports learning, movement, socialization, and therapy for children with autism and differing abilities.

WHY IT MATTERS

This project responds directly to rapid program growth and gives our youngest students room to thrive. Your investment will help turn an existing space into a safe, engaging environment designed around the unique ways our children learn and develop.

PARTNER WITH ABILITIES FIRST TO BUILD A SPACE WHERE EVERY CHILD CAN GROW.

A large, brightly lit playroom with a wooden floor and large windows. The room is filled with colorful geometric toys, including a large red and yellow arch, a blue and yellow ramp, a red and yellow slide, and a large yellow and red structure with a tunnel. Several children are playing on the toys. In the foreground, there is a large yellow and red structure with a tunnel and a blue and yellow ramp. A child is sitting on the red slide. In the background, there is a large red and yellow arch and a blue and yellow ramp. Children are playing on these structures. The room has a warm, inviting atmosphere with natural light from the windows.