



# Land Acknowledgment Policy

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This policy is applicable to all PlayGround-Chicago gatherings, programs, meetings and activities.

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## **Land Acknowledgment Policy**

PlayGround-Chicago will offer a land acknowledgment prior to all public programs, in-house developmental activities, as well as board, staff and committee meetings. In addition, PlayGround-Chicago will publish the land acknowledgment on its website and post it in its physical spaces.

## **Land Acknowledgment Statement**

PlayGround acknowledges that we are on the unceded ancestral homeland of the people of the Council of Three Fires, including the Ojibwe, Potawatomi and Odawa, the original inhabitants of the Chicago metropolitan area. As the past and present Indigenous stewards of this land and in accordance with their traditions, the Council of Three Fires have never ceded, lost, nor forgotten their responsibilities as the caretakers of this place, as well as for all peoples who reside in their traditional territory. We recognize the historic injustice of the forcible removal of the Ojibwe, Potawatomi and Odawa people from their ancestral lands, and that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland. We wish to pay our respects by acknowledging the Ancestors, Elders and Relatives of the Council of Three Fires Communities and by affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples. We honor the storytellers of the Ojibwe, Potawatomi and Odawa and are grateful for our ability to share and uplift Indigenous stories and those of other historically marginalized communities.

In working with artists and audiences from all over the country, PlayGround-Chicago asks that each member of the PlayGround-Chicago community representing a different geographical space respectfully acknowledge the legacy of the land they inhabit.