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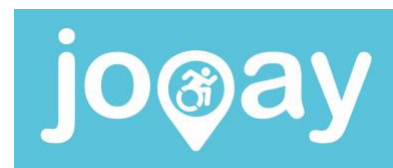
The Jooy App: Promoting Participation in Leisure

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What is Jooy?

Leisure is an important part of every child's life. Children with disabilities are often confronted with leisure activities that are not adapted to their needs and abilities.

Jooy is a bilingual (English and French) free app that connects children with disabilities and their families to leisure

opportunities in their communities. It features activities that are "[accessible, suit their needs and abilities, match their preferences, can help them develop and participate in society.](#)" [1] It includes over 2,700 activities that range from artistic opportunities to sports, and has more than 4,350 users across Canada.

The app is the product of a collaborative effort that involved childhood disability researchers, youth with disabilities, families, healthcare professionals, educators, policymakers, and community partners. It was conceptualized and is led by McGill University-based researchers Dr. Keiko Shikako and Dr. Annette Majnemer.

How to access and use the Jooy app?

The Jooy app is easily accessible via the App Store or Google Play. To use Jooy, follow the steps below:

1. First, start by downloading the app on the App store for iOS users or Google Play for Android users.
2. Then, click "Allow While using App" for Jooy to locate activities around you.
3. And click "Allow" to enable Jooy to notify you when an activity is near you.
4. To create an account, sign up using your Facebook or Twitter account or simply connect with your email address.
5. You are now ready to start exploring all its cool features!
6. Search for inclusive and adaptive art classes, camps, sports, and many more (in-person or online).
7. You can also refine your searches with filters such as type of disabilities.
8. You can sort by activities closest to you, most commented, or with the best reviews.
9. Use the map to locate activities close to you!
10. You can also search an activity by name, organization, province, or city.
11. Simply tap on the activity of interest to find information on the wheelchair accessibility, targeted population, address, schedule, and much more.
12. Do you have any awesome activities to suggest? Then click on "suggest a new activity". We are always looking to discover new activities from you.
13. You can also connect with the Jooy community and chat with other users.
14. For more information on Jooy, click "More" and choose "about Jooy".
15. You can now look for available and inclusive leisure activities for children at the tip of your fingers from your phone or your computer.

With Jooy, all children can play and be included!





Childhood disability LINK is a bilingual website Linking Information and New Knowledge on childhood disability to service providers and families. The website also focuses on enhancing the awareness and understanding of research on a variety of issues in childhood disability.

Please visit us at:
www.childhooddisability.ca

Reference:

[1] The Jooyay app [Internet]. Available from: <https://jooyay.com/about-us/>

How can you learn more about the Jooyay App?

You can learn more about the app by visiting the Jooyay website at <https://jooyay.com> or contact the Jooyay team at the following email address jooyay@childhooddisability.ca.

The Jooyay logo consists of the word "jooyay" in a white, lowercase, rounded sans-serif font. The letter "o" is replaced by a white location pin icon with a blue outline, and inside the pin is a white silhouette of a person in a wheelchair.

A free app linking families of children with disabilities to leisure activities.

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