The Helen Gordon Child Development Center has begun work on a project to reconfigure the Play Area to be more "kid friendly". The reconfiguration is still in the design stage, but the plan is to use natural materials - plantings, dirt, water, rocks, wood, etc., and to use volunteer labor to implement the design. The duration of the project will depend on the availability of funding and volunteers.

The design is going to emphasize kids using their imagination in play. For example, an adult might build a wonderful replica of a pirate ship for the kids to use and the kids will use it as a pirate ship. However, if a more amorphous structure is built, kids will use their imagination to use it as a fort, a race car, a house, a pirate ship, etc.

Below is an early conceptual design of the new Play Area:

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Thank you!