Indoor Kids Club – Design Guidelines

Preface

The indoor kids club is a key part of any club. It is focused on kids from 2-10 years and helps them interact with and build bonds with kids of similar age. Further, it allows parents to leave their kids in a safe, indoor environment and focus on / attend to other things. In essence, it acts like a crèche.

Typical size should be between 500-1500 sft (depending on development size) of indoor space + relevant outdoor space.

What should be co-located / close by:

a. Outdoor kids play area (See Outdoor Children's Play Area Guidelines) which is enclosed by a fence/similar so that kids can have a safe indoor/outdoor experience.
b. Seating area for nannies / waiting parents.

The operations of the Kids club are very important and require a smart and trained female operator(s), preferably someone with teaching experience with kids of similar age, who can use the physical space to engage kids and get them to both play and learn.

This is one of the most important elements of a development (design, operations and maintenance/upkeep), since if the kids are happy, parents will be happy. Good creative thought is needed to make these well at reasonable cost.

Design Guidelines

The design of this area is a specialist job and requires understanding of what kids want and what is the latest in the market. A normal interior designer will need to be pushed to do this well since a lot of thought is required to get this required.

Some of the highlight elements which can be incorporated are (to see physically visit World Tower Mumbai (2017) and Lodha Belmondo Pune (2016)):

1) **Indoor rock climbing** - Kids as young as 4yrs old can experience indoor rock climbing. Climbing is for every level of fitness and gives kids an opportunity to learn and develop skills of communication, trust and confidence. The one provided in the Kids Club is safe and does not require full time monitoring. Auto belay system to be added as a safety measure depending upon the available heights for installation.



2) **Active indoor play zone –** Consist of their own fun park within the indoor club. The area is designed with a single slide and few rotating pods and seats made out of high quality plastic and metal mainly keeping the child safety in mind. It can add colours to the interiors too. A fun safe playground environment stimulates child's minds and allows for their cognitive, physical, and social development.





3) **Lego Wall** - Lego promotes fine motor skills. Children need to connect Lego pieces of different sizes and shapes onto a tiled lego baseplate wall/surface. The baseplate is plastic as a material, can be glued to the ply backing with specialised adhesive to make the surface of desired size. The sizes of the baseplate are fixed and hence important to have a specific installation size. Far more than just a fun toy, LEGO bricks and similar building blocks can be a powerful learning tool for all levels, from preschool all the way to college.



4) **Interactive Floor** –The virtual play allows multiple players to interact with colourful graphics/play surfaces along with the sounds that are projected onto the floor or surface. It is the cost-effective surface for kids & can convert any space into an unforgettable fun-filled experience. A healthy way of blending mental and physical activity unlike traditional methods. It is hygienic, safe and reliable and no-wear-and-tear system. Improves collaboration, participation and cognitive skills in kids. The installation requires a projector and seamless white flooring in matt finish (either a vinyl or paint). The projector has a manual switch and an inbuilt capacity of 30 games selected from a wide range of online available games and can be

remotely selected /updated /purchased. There should be some ventilation provision for the projector so that the hot air is not trapped inside the unit. Lighting needs to be controlled in the area and should be dark enough to provide clarity onto the surface.



Ref website _ http://www.touchmagix.com/interactive-floor-interactive-wall-play

5) **Story telling room / reading cocoons –** Books teach kids about relationship, personalities, situations and what is good and what is bad in the world they live in. Fantasy books provide material for their imagination and free play. Fairy tales / superhero books fascinate them and help them distinguish between what is real and what is not.







6) **Art & Craft /Toy Room –** This room is the perfect place for kids to express their creativity. It can be designed with different shelves and module to hold the toys with addition of some kiddie décor to enhance the space. Several toy shelves invite kids to play and can hold the selection of fun & educational board games.







7) Sleeping /Quiet area



8) **Washroom Design** – This washroom can be designed for multiple age groups in mind if the space available. Basins can be in two height options, making them the perfect specification for younger and the elder kids. The space can be designed with bold themes and interesting details.





9) **Flooring material –** Preferable to have an EPDM floor with cushioning for child safety. 30mm thk SBR granule with 6mm EPDM in-situ rubber flooring for indoor fulfils the above requirement. It can be with creative design, joint free, long life along minimal wastage. It has resistance to abrasions, slipping indentation and ignition & is virtually maintenance free.

Other elements to be considered:

a. For active kids – indoor slide OR indoor castle / train or equivalent
b. TV with DVD player and good mix of children's dvd's and music cd's
c. Loose play equipment (balls, toys etc.)
d. Children's books, stacked in easily accessible shelves
e. Children's games, stacked in easily accessible shelves
f. Blackboard/whiteboard for kids to scribble on
g. Low tables and chairs / seating for the kids
h. If toilet is attached, low fittings for easy use by the kids
i. An adult chair for the supervisor

See attached images. Searching web for kids play area or children's play area or soft play area can give you lots of ideas.

Some reference links of manufacturers:
http://www.softplay.com/
http://www.playwell.in/













