

WELCOME TO MCGRUDER FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER!

About The McGruder (Art) Access (Art) project

Led by artist Courtney Adair Johnson, and two artist teams, Stevie Bailey and Kora Peña, along with Dr. Cynthia Gadsden and Andrea Johnson. The project draws on lived experiences with autism, deafness, blindness, wheelchair use, and harm awareness. By merging artistic vision with accessibility expertise, the team will work alongside the community to identify barriers, reimagine movement through the building, and design practical tools such as maps, QR codes, brochures, and signage.

This process ensures the resulting accessibility plan reflects the real needs of North Nashville's diverse population, from long-time residents to new visitors. For the community, it means greater independence and connection within a central neighborhood hub. For the artists, it is an opportunity to expand their practice into meaningful, applied design that directly shapes how people experience and belong in shared spaces.

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Follow www.courtneyadairjohnson.com for information on the project, upcoming workshops, and engagement.

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