



Darrell and Lois Weaver had a vision for Amazing Play Fun Center. "We wanted to create a center that is family oriented, where parents and kids participate together, and where families spend quality time with one another." And that's exactly what they did. Open since the end of May, the Amazing Play Fun Center in Liberty has already accomplished what the Weavers set out to do provide a place for families to laugh, let go, and enjoy the silliness of a slippery slide.

Darrell Weaver was well-

prepared for the task. With an extensive background in the development of playground equipment, he knew how best to approach the design of an indoor play center. "We simply thought about what we did as kids and what we played over and over, year after year," he explained. "We bounced, swung, and climbed trees." Those childhood memories of fun-filled afternoons were the inspiration for many of the center's whimsical playground areas that let you swing, jump, and slide until your legs are jelly and you've exhausted your bounce. For parents, Amazing Play Fun Center can serve as a lifeline to get kids out of the house when energy levels run too high and "accidentally" tossed balls indoors come too close to your favorite lamp. It helps keep both sanity and home furnishings intact while earning "cool parent" points for taking the kids somewhere special. Lois Weaver tells kids there are two rules at Amazing Play Fun Center. First, have fun. Second, hug the person who brought you. Who doesn't love rules that support parent appreciation?

Don't be fooled by the bright lights and colorful surroundings, however; Amazing Play Fun Center isn't just for kids. Adults are invited - and encouraged - to jump right in and challenge their kids to a game of Labyrinth Laser Tag and channel memories of Mission Impossible by navigating the Vault Laser Maze. Ah, yes,









the Vault Laser Maze. To six-year-old, Max, and seven-yearold Aubrey, the opportunity to stealthily navigate green light beams in a darkened room is the stuff of childhood dreams. It's like ninja warrior meets Star Wars. A bit confused as to why I would need them to explain the maze's attraction, they simply described it as "fun and challenging" before asking if there was time to give it another go.

Then there's the SkyMaze playground, boasting some of the fastest slides around. Before you think "yeah, well, slides are nothing new," take a ride down the slick banana peel versions here and see what you think. Four-year-old Finn's takeaway from the center was a love for a stuffed green alligator in the area with building blocks. Asked why he liked the center so much, he responded, "Uh, because I made a home for the alligator out of blocks." Why, of course -- silly me. If you're up for more of an adventure, strap on a harness and try the Cloud Jumper that sends you into flight while bouncing off a giant inflatable. Thrill-seeker Hannah, 11 years old, has two reasons why she's a fan of this attraction. "It's high and fast." Her fouryear-old sister, Italee, completely agreed and showed no fear when it was her turn to jump on a cloud.

The Weavers' goal to create a place for family fun is clearly met when you see the smiles and hear the laughs at Amazing Play Fun Center. Hoping to use some of their space for a daycare someday, the Weavers are currently looking for financial backing to support such expansion. Contributing to the community is the Weavers' top priority and their message to families greets all who enter their doors. We bring the fun, the memories are yours to keep.

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