## D1 Spotlight Program – City of Novato

## Pioneer Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony & Celebration

On Saturday, April 13, the City of Novato hosted the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Celebration of Novato's first inclusive playground, Pioneer Park! A few April showers couldn't stop us from celebrating the joyous occasion which included informational booths, a Pop-Up Police Station, Novato Fun activities, and snacks. The event concluded with City Council cutting the ceremonial ribbon of the new inclusive playground, the first of its kind in Marin County. Since reopening in December, Pioneer Park has become a beloved destination where children of all abilities play together. Recognized as a GameTime National Demonstration Site, the play area features two new play structures thoughtfully designed with adaptive play elements, perimeter fencing, benches, shade structures, and picture exchange communication boards. What sets Pioneer Park apart is not just its inclusive play features, but the spirit of resiliency and collaboration that brought the dream facility to completion. Throughout the project, City Council and staff turned obstacles into opportunities. Generous discounts provided by suppliers and contractors, as well as donations offered by community members and organizations, helped make the beautiful state-of-the-art park possible. Pioneer Park now stands as a shining example of our commitment to accessibility, elevating Novato's recreational amenities for all. We are so proud!













