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MY FAVORITE SPACE



At ICS in Brooklyn, good design has made a huge contribution to creating a space that's functional, fun, and accessible for both able-bodied folks and those in wheelchairs. The interior walls, made of translucent 3Form resin, are torqued and bent like a Serra sculpture—so the few hallways give way to ample wheeling space at the base and a clear view of oncoming traffic. Soft, shock-absorbing cork floors provide great traction, whether you're in heels or on wheels. A focus on furniture, flexibility, and minimal architectural interventions in the open space allows for office work as well as meet-ups for up to 35 wheelchairs. Often, spaces are limiting for wheelchairs, so it is a joy to see a place designed to be easy for everyone to get around and engage in.

—Alyce Russo, Schall & Russo Planning Works, LLC led the planning and design team for ICS's Brooklyn Center.

ICS is non-profit that helps people with disabilities live as independently as possible.